



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: Metered billings for the period 07/02/21 – 09/02/21 were mailed out on 9/3/21 and will be due and payable by Oct. 7, 2021. Availability lot billings for the quarter 7/1/21 – 9/30/21 will be mailed out on Sept. 30, 2021, and will be due and payable by November Nov. 4, 2021. Payments can be made by check or cash, and credit card payments can be made on our website at www.RAWD.org. Customers can also sign up for auto draft payments by completing the form found on our website or at the District office.

Drought: The state water year begins October 1st every year. As of September 16, 2021, the season to date precipitation was 14.19 inches with the normal average season to date being 33.26 inches. We are currently 57.4% below the average. Lake Shasta level is 169.12 feet from the crest, down 13.47 feet from the level reported last month. At this time last year, the lake level was 95.95 feet from the crest and the year before that was 39.48 feet from the crest (Down 73.17 feet from last year and down 129.64 feet from the year before.) The snow water equivalents for August reported 0% for the entire state of California. This is not a promising report. Our water consumption was obviously up during the last billing period due to the seasonal temperatures, but we are still 17.38% below the consumption that was used in 2013. The days are growing shorter and night-time temperatures cooler, so now is the time to **reduce timers** to your outside irrigation systems. We currently remain on voluntary restrictions, but we all need to do our part. The District will notify its customers if this changes.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA): This District is an active member of the Tehama County Groundwater Sustainability Agency which is tasked with preparing a Groundwater Management Plan (GSP). The plan needs to assure the groundwater in Tehama County is sustainable for 50 years to come. Tehama County SGMA will be holding the following outreach meetings for those interested in learning more or who would like to review the plan:

- 1) September 29 - Informational Webinar - <https://bit.ly/TehamaSGMA-Webinar-Sept29-Register>
- 2) October 20 - Follow-up Q&A Webinar - <https://bit.ly/TehamaSGMA-Webinar-Oct20-Register>
- 3) November 15 - In-person meeting - <https://bit.ly/TehamaSGMA-PublicMeeting-Nov15-RSVP>

All meetings start at 6:00pm

In person meetings are held at the Tehama County Board of Supervisor's Chambers

Wastewater Treatment Plant: Periodically the District offers tours of our Wastewater Treatment Plant. We have a sign-up sheet at the office and when we accumulate 10 names we plan a tour. Currently we have three names on the waiting list. If you would like to sign-up, just call the office and we will add your name to the list. Many customers don't even know we have a treatment plant.

Well#4 Dedication: The District was honored to dedicate the Well#4 building posthumously to former Directors Joe G. Adams and Gerald F. Hotchkiss. Both Directors generously gave their time and knowledge and served on our board for over 25 years.

Board Meeting Date: The Board Meeting for October will be held on October 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Board Room. Agendas, Minutes and Resolutions can be accessed at www.rawd.org "Agendas" and under News & Notices.

Rio Alto Water District is a Special District governed by California Water Code and not affiliated with the Property Owners Association.