



Rio Alto Water District

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Metered Water & Wastewater Rate Increases Effective 3/3/24: As a reminder, Water & Sewer connection fees will be increasing on August 1, 2024 in accordance with Resolutions 03-24 and 04-24. If you are planning on building you might want to consider applying and paying for your connection fees prior to August 1st.

Billing Updates: Availability lot billings for the period 4/1/24 through 6/30/24 are **due by August 5, 2024** to avoid delinquent charges. Metered billings for the period 5/3/24 through 7/3/24 are subject to **delinquent charges** if not paid by **August 8, 2024**. In accordance with SB998, unpaid billings for the period 3/3/24 through 05/3/24 will become subject to **lock-offs** scheduled for **August 8, 2024**. 24-hour notices will be posted on August 7th and lock offs will be proceed at noon on **August 8, 2024** if payments are not received. Payments can be made by check or cash, and credit card payments can be made on our website at www.RAWD.org. If you pay using auto bill pay through your bank, be advised that they issue a check to Rio Alto which can take over 10 days to be received by the District. With this in mind, please allow adequate days to avoid a delinquent charge. Customers can also sign up for auto draft payments by completing the form found on our website or at the District office. This service is free and will ensure payment is received before delinquent charges are assessed.

Drought: Consumption for the period 5/3/24 – 7/3/24 is 30.25% lower than 2013 consumption for the same period and 26.6% lower than the year-to-date totals for 2013. They have not taken a recent snow survey and I will be curious to see what the average percent is after the excessive heat waves we are experiencing. The new water year began October 1, 2023. As of July 16, 2024, the new season to date totals compare with the previous two years as follows:

| Year | July 16th Precipitation Received | Average Precipitation to Date | Percent of Average | Shasta Lake feet from Crest |
|-------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 23/24 | 31.31 | 33.09 | 94% | 29.39 |
| 22/23 | 39.01 | 32.72 | 120% | 18.41 |
| 21/22 | 18.84 | 32.80 | 57% | 133.87 |

District Elections: Rio Alto Water District welcomes new Board Member Drew Battles who was appointed at our July Board Meeting to replace Director Craig Weaver who is moving out of the area. Three Directors seats will be up for election in the November General Election. Directors Richard Brubaker, Peter Suggs and Louise Wilkinson's terms expire in December of 2024. Candidate packets are available now at the District Office or Tehama County Elections Office in Red Bluff at 633 Washington Street, Room 17. Nominations for candidates must be filed with the Tehama County Elections Office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9th**.

Cell Tower Updates: Both Verizon and T-Mobile are up and running on our cell tower. We are still trying to get AT&T to install an antenna.

Summer is here and it is HOT: Most watering over 20 minutes is wasteful as it becomes runoff in our poor soil types. You might find more success in watering 5 or 10 minutes twice a day. Do not water during the hottest times of the day, preferably water in the early evening or morning hours. This will save you money and protect your landscape.

Board Meeting Date: The Board Meeting for August will be held a week early on August 14, 2024, 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.

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