

RCSD CURRENT UPDATES

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RCSD MISSION:

To provide efficient, cost effective, and reliable community services in a manner that protects health, safety and the natural environment.

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Water Conservation Stage Two (Mandatory Conservation Declaration)

Prior to the recent rainfall, river flows were below 50% of the median flows as measured by the USGS at the Miranda gauge on April 7th on the South Fork of the Eel River – the lowest ever recorded on that day in history.

The welcome precipitation we all enjoyed will probably delay an early start to fire season statewide, but California remains in a multi-year drought.

Stage Two Water Conservation declared by the California State Water Resources Control Board on March 28th is now in effect. Please observe the following:

- 1) Landscape watering is allowed only between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 a.m.
- 2) Restrict outdoor water usage to an 'Odd/Even' water conservation plan. Under this plan odd numbered homes are asked to restrict their outside water usage to Wednesday and Sunday. Even numbered homes are asked to water outdoors only on Tuesday and Saturday; Businesses are asked to water on Monday and Thursday. Water each area for only 10 minutes.
- 3) Refrain from allowing water to run off any lawns, landscape or garden into adjoining streets, gutters, sidewalks, parking lot or alley.
- 4) Refrain from hosing or washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots or other hard surfaced areas.
- 5) Refrain from washing cars, boats, trailers or other vehicles except at a commercial car wash where drought tolerant equipment is utilized.
- 6) Equip any hose with a quick acting shut-off nozzle.
- 7) Promptly repair all leaks in plumbing fixtures, water lines, and sprinkler systems.
- 8) Equip ornamental fountains, ponds or lakes with a water recycling system.
- 9) Nurseries must use basins under watered inventory to catch excess water.
- 10) Hotels and motels shall provide a notice of water emergency in each room.
- 11) Restaurants shall refrain from serving drinking water except upon specific request by a customer.
- 12) Industrial accounts shall be limited to water usage of 2500 cubic feet per month.



PLEASE FILL POOLS BY MAY 15th!!

End of Moratorium on Water

Shutoffs

As most of you probably already know, we were unable to issue 48-hour shut-off notices during the pandemic, by order of the State. The moratorium on water shutoffs, which was implemented in response to the pandemic, ended on 12/31/21. Customers with a 90-day or more past due balance have either made a significant payment on their account or entered into a payment plan. Moving forward we will continue to ask our customers to contact the office for payment-plan options to avoid having their water turned off.

Shutoff Valves

We will be offering shutoff valves and installation soon. We encourage our customers to have shutoff valves installed so they can turn their water off or on themselves, avoiding after-hours fees. These can be used if you suspect a leak, need to make repairs, or will be out of town for any length of time. The heavy-duty valves that will be available for purchase are lockable and easy to use. Please call the office for more details if you're interested.

Be a Good Neighbor: Please think before you flush!

RCSD collection system only treats limited types of waste: Pee, Poo and Paper – the three P's.

RCSD's sewer collection system is NOT designed to accept any of the following elements:

- 1) Hazardous waste of any kind: paints, oils, cleaning agents, etc.
- 2) "Flushable" wipes or diapers.
- 3) Fabrics of any kind.
- 4) Plastic bags or food wrappers.
- 5) Cannabis oils, cleaning agents, solvents or plant residues.
- 6) Fats, oils or grease.

Disposal of any these elements into RCSD's collection system can result in significant additional expenses for the district—*costs which will necessarily be passed on to you and your neighbors in increased rates*—and is in violation of RCSD ordinances.

Cost-saving Measures

One of the biggest expenses in maintaining, repairing and improving our water distribution, collection, and treatment systems has been equipment rental, specifically backhoe rentals. We explored various options and last August decided to purchase an L47 Kubota. The purchase allows us to avoid rental costs in excess of \$1,000 monthly.

The wastewater plant has a new filter bed online. The newest bed, the second of two, was completed a couple of months ago. We apply waste activated sludge to the bed, then rock, gravel, and sand filter out the water. With this system we can better process the effluent and reduce hauling costs to the state-approved Recology center. This also reduces chemical applications, again, saving the District money.

New Staff and Board Member

Marshall Moore has joined the field staff as Operator-in-Training 2.

Jeff Barth has replaced Rob DiPerna as a District board member.

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RCSD Meetings

The RCSD Board meets the third Wednesday of the month, every month:

5:30 p.m. at the Redway CSD Office,
1150 Evergreen Road #2 Redway, Ca.
in the Meadows Business Park

