#### **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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# RCSD CURRENT UPDATES

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### Spring 2021

#### Water Conservation

The State Water Resources Control Board, in a memo dated March 22, 2021, sent out an alert regarding preparation for drought impacts statewide. The U.S. Drought Monitor reports that 95 percent of California is being affected by two consecutive years of low precipitation.

Groundwater levels are very low and the snowpack is only 58 percent of the average as of March 10,2021, despite recent rainfall.

We ask that you make every effort to conserve as much as possible for the well-being and safety of our community.

#### **RCSD Office Accessibility**

It's been a little more than a year since the first covid-19 case was reported in the U.S. For the District, as with all essential services - apart from following all the necessary mandated guidelines - it's pretty much business as usual.

Last April, we closed our office to the public, for the health of our customers, office staff, and the greater community. We will remain closed until further notice. However, with the exception of necessary errands, we are in the office from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Thursday - as always. We are here to help you in any way we can. If you phone and we don't pick up, please leave a message and one of the staff will call you back.

For those of you who have not visited our Evergreen location recently, we now have a slot to the right of our front doors for your convenience. This is one of several ways you can get an application or make a payment. We still have a drop box at Shop Smart and continue to offer online and phone credit/debit card payments. If you are having trouble paying your bill, please contact the office and we can work out a payment plan.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation. We really appreciate it.

#### New Board and Staff members

In July we welcomed back Cody Cox, who filled the General/Operations Manager vacancy left by TK Williams. Cody previously worked for the District as Operations Manager from 2016-2018. Jordan Miclette also joined the team last summer. Jordan, a Southern Humboldt native, was hired as a Utility Worker 1, and is now the District's Inventory Control Supervisor.

Rob DiPerna stepped up to the plate and filled the Board seat left vacant by Scott Kender's sad passing last year. While Rob has somewhat recently become a Redway resident, he's a longtime Humboldt County community member, with many ties to Southern Humboldt.

#### Filling of Swimming Pools

The deadline to fill swimming pools is May 31,2021. Please call the office with your questions or concerns.

#### Meter Replacement Project

We are now in the process of identifying and replacing faulty meters. We'll notify you if your meter needs replacing.

## Increase in Non-flushable Wipes Being Tossed in the Toilet

Even before the advent of the coronavirus, there has been a steady nationwide increase in the number of flushable wipes (which are in fact non-flushable) are being flushed. However, since last March, the number has skyrocketed. This other pandemic is wreaking havoc on sewer systems everywhere. Please, please, please throw your wipes in the trash.

We're also noticing an unusual amount of grease in the system in certain neighborhoods. Please be aware that grease should not be poured down the drain.

#### 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.



#### **Questions? Contact Us:**

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#### **RCSD Meetings**

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

6:00 PM at the Redway CSD Office, 1150 Evergreen Road #2 Redway, Ca. in the Meadows Business Park