

# BCPUD PIPELINE



Winter 2021-22

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## Attention All Sewer Customers!!!

Please, **DO NOT FLUSH WIPES, or rags, or anything other than human waste and toilet paper down your toilet if you are on the BCPUD sewer system!** Please also wipe off your pots, pans and plates after cooking and eating (and before washing them) and dispose of your food waste and soiled paper towels in your green bin rather than wash the food waste off in your kitchen sink and down the drain. (For those on septic, these are also a good practices).

The BCPUD recently had to replace two valves on our sewer main that were completely clogged with wipes, rags and other inappropriate materials (such as cooking grease) that had been washed down drains or flushed down toilets.

Please use your best efforts to help us avoid these expensive repairs. Thank you!

**Water or Sewer emergency? Please contact our office at 415-868-1224**

## SB 1383—What Does It Mean For You???

Effective January 1, 2022, SB 1383 (California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy) requires all residents and businesses to divert organic material away from landfill. What does this mean for you? All food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste may now go in your green bin for collection by Recology Sonoma-Marín. Recology has developed the graphics shown below to help Bolinas customers easily sort their waste into the correct bins now that food scraps and other organic waste must go in the green bin, along with yard waste. Customers also may go to [www.recology.com/recology-sonoma-marín/whatbin-search-tool/](http://www.recology.com/recology-sonoma-marín/whatbin-search-tool/) and download the "WhatBin" search application to use as a resource. Make sure that you download the Recology-Sonoma-Marín search tool, and not one from another location served by Recology, as the tool is specific to our area.

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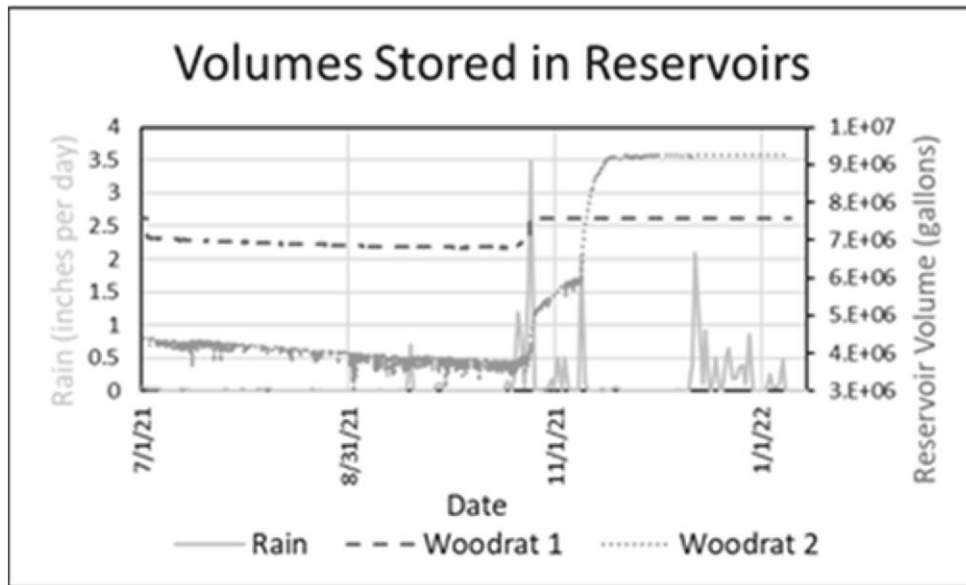
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## Water Supply: It's 2022, How are We Doing?

After a wet first half of the “rain year” during which the district received 21.26 inches of rain (July 2021 through December 2021), we experienced a very dry January 2022, with just under 1 inch of rain received, bringing the year-to-date rain total to 22.21 inches. How does this compare to last year? Last year at the end of January, the district had received only 10.2 inches of rain. As such, we’ve received more than twice as much rain as we had at this time last year, which certainly is good and welcome news. Very importantly, the district’s two emergency reservoirs currently are full and spilling at 100% capacity, whereas they were at about 60% capacity at this time last year.



On the other hand, it is important to keep in mind that the average annual rainfall in Bolinas is over 32 inches. More rain leads to higher overall flows in the Arroyo Hondo Creek, our preferred water source, particularly during the summer and fall months, so we’ve got a ways to go until that source is sufficiently replenished. As reported at the January 2022 Board meeting (the report is available at [www.bcpud.org](http://www.bcpud.org) under the Water Supply Updates link), the district’s base flow recession model for the Arroyo Hondo Creek illustrates the significance of more rain during the second half of the rain year. This model predicts that if the district receives average monthly rainfall for Bolinas between February through June 2022 (cumulatively, 13.05 inches), flows in the Arroyo Hondo Creek will be quite a bit higher than last year as we enter the dry season this summer. If, however, the district receives only the same amount of rainfall that we received between February through June 2021 (cumulatively, 6.22 inches), the model predicts creek flows at about the same level as last year heading into the dry season. At present, the long-term forecast looks relatively dry -- *at least for now*.

In light of the welcome rainfall last Fall, the BCPUD Board of Directors at its regular meeting in November 2021 voted unanimously to “suspend” the mandatory rationing resolution (BCPUD Resolution 680), so that the mandatory rationing of water will *not* be triggered if the current community consumption exceeds 66,000 gallons (on a seven-day running average basis). BCPUD staff will keep a close eye on supply conditions and, if necessary, may recommend that the Board re-impose Resolution 680. If that should occur, we will inform the community via direct mailings and by resurrecting our signage in town, most prominently the daily consumption sign at the entrance to town. The BCPUD also continues its efforts to augment the district’s emergency sources of water: the district obtained approval from state regulators to add two groundwater wells to its system and recently submitted applications for grant funding to install the treatment facilities and related equipment needed to operate the wells.