



A Monthly Newsletter

December 2021

Serving the Community

“Your Independent Local Government Agency Providing Water, Wastewater, Drainage, Security and Solid Waste Services”

District Meeting Schedule For December 2021

Committee Meetings Will Be Held Via ZOOM

December 2, 2021

Communication & Technology @ 8:30 a.m.
Security - Cancelled

December 7, 2021

Personnel—Cancelled
Improvements @ 8:00
Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting Will Be Held In Person

December 15, 2021

District Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

All meeting dates and times are subject to change. Be sure to check our website, www.rmcsd.com for any changes

BE SURE TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

**SENATE BILL 1383
UPDATES TO CALIFORNIA’S SOLID WASTE LEGISLATION**

As part of their continued partnership with the Community of Rancho Murieta, Cal-Waste wants to share some information regarding new legislation that is coming into effect next year. This information was presented to the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Board of Directors at their October meeting. This is the first piece of a multi-part series to share information about the State’s solid waste mandates and how they will affect Rancho Murieta and Cal-Waste.

In 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 1383 into law, establishing methane emissions reductions which includes:

- A 50% reduction of organic waste disposal by 2020, and 75% by 2025.

This law, SB 1383, focuses on diverting food waste and organics from landfills and is enforced by CalRecycle, the State’s enforcement agency for solid waste legislation. CalRecycle requires all jurisdictions to bear the responsibility for compliance with these emission reduction targets, including the Rancho Murieta CSD. In addition, two additional pieces of legislation, AB 827 and AB 1826, also affect the collection process and require Cal-Waste’s compliance.

That said, non-compliance fines have yet to be enforced and a firm date for compliance with residential organics collection, including food waste, is in 2022. A few jurisdictions in California already have curbside composting programs or other solutions to residential organic waste generation, however, an overwhelming majority of jurisdictions are in the same position as Rancho Murieta. All are required to implement their new organic waste collection services sometime in 2022.

At this time, no state funding has been allocated for the implementation of these mandates. In response to these aforementioned legislative changes, the team at Cal-Waste are developing a collection solution and processing technology that will allow them to control, but not eliminate, future rate increases.

The team at Cal-Waste, intends to provide prompt, safety-minded compliance to all of their customers as a result of State mandated legislation. We will continue to update you on their plans for compliance and how this will affect your monthly bill.

EXPECTING GUESTS BEHIND THE GATES THIS HOLIDAY?

Be sure to call in your guests! It is important that you notify the District Security Gate Officers if you expect service personnel or guests at your home in order to avoid delays and traffic congestion. North Gate: 916-354-3742. South Gate: 916-354-3743. You can register guests yourself at www.gateaccess.net. Using www.gateaccess.net you can then send your guests the electronic Fastpass that will get your guests through the gate even faster. The Fastpass is only available at the North Gate.

GM CORNER

IS THERE ENOUGH WATER FOR RANCHO MURIETA?

This is one of the most common topics of discussion with our customers. Events in recent years have created concerns for our current water supply, along with the increased demand accompanying new development. With the developments of Riverview, The Retreats, and The Residences East and West, Rancho Murieta will soon have 400 new homes. Additionally, there are approximately another 700 new homes in the Rancho North projects that will, over time, seek the approval of Sacramento County. Development, climate changes, repetitive drought, mandatory conservation, reduced snowpack, and the Caldor Fire in the Cosumnes watershed have Rancho Murieta's concerned that we will not have enough water to meet demand.

These concerns are not new. In 2006, the Rancho Murieta Community Services District commissioned an Integrated Water Master Plan (IWMP) as the Pension Trust Fund sought to finish their Rancho Murieta developments. The report was highly controversial. In 2010, an "updated" plan was approved. Based on the information at that time, the study concluded that water would be available to support the development plans. However, it also concluded that should "interruptions" in supply occur, CSD must take action to ensure the continuing availability of water. Some of these "drought conservation" actions can be severe. Some emergency plans include the use of Lake Clementia and significant reductions in outdoor water use.

A new Integrated Water Master Plan will prepare the District to meet the requirements of the State Department of Water Resources, Urban Water Supplier and to evaluate the current impact of new development on water supply and demand.

Potable water is our community's most valuable resource. We plan to undertake a comprehensive re-evaluation of our water plan in early 2022 to be certain we have it right! More importantly, we understand how important it is to create a document that will build and maintain public trust. This plan will be developed in conjunction with board and public workshops. The public will have the opportunity to comment both during and following the process. Community involvement is not only welcome, but essential.

Over the coming months, and potentially as part of the budget process, the new IWMP plans will be reviewed and brought to the RMCS D Board for approval.

Employee Spotlight – Manoj Pal — Accountant

Manoj Pal joined the District as a temporary employee in June of 2021 as an Accountant. We were thrilled to welcome him as a permanent addition to our team on November 8th, which he said is the best thing that has happened to him since he came to us. Manoj is a positive addition to the team, who overcomes challenges with a constructive, relaxing manner. When he is away from work, he loves to play Indian Drums, Drums, Harmonium and he looks forward to rejoining his band jamming as they did before Covid. He enjoys meeting new people and sharing tropical Fiji culture with everyone. Originally from Fiji, Manoj and his wife have lived in Sacramento for 11 years and are happy to make this their home. Welcome Manoj!!!!



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Live Christmas tree pickups will occur from Tuesday, December 28th through Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Please be sure to have your LIVE tree set at your curb by 5:00 a.m.

As a reminder, Christmas trees must have all decorations removed before pickup.

REMINDER: ONLY LIVE TREES WILL BE PICKED UP, AND THEY MUST HAVE ALL DECORATIONS REMOVED.

Thank you and Happy Holidays from the Cal-Waste Family!!



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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
& 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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November 17, 2021 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Authorized purchase of two utility trucks CIP #22-01-01 and #22-02-01
- Awarded two Professional Service Contracts with SOLitude Lake Management
- Adopted Resolution R2021-05 Authorizing RMCSd receipt and appropriation of SB170 funds and authorizing General Manager to execute agreement with Department of Water Resources

October 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements Committee

- Discussed two Professional Service Contracts with SOLitude Lake Management

Security Committee

- Discussed ABDi Continental Software Update
- Discussed Security Vehicle Replacement
- Received update on Security Opinion Poll
- Discussed Hot Air Balloon incident

Finance Committee

- Discussed Sample Security Survey Opinion Poll Questions

Communications & Technology Committee

- Received update on Website FAQ's

Personnel Committee

- Discussed Operator Classification Job Description
- Discussed Implementation of District Schedule
- Discussed District Employee Survey

FILLING THE RESERVOIRS

This is a brief explanation of the Cosumnes River diversion into our storage reservoirs (Calero, Chesbro, Clementia) for the Water Plants to process into drinking water for community use.

Depending on flow levels in the river, water may be pumped through the Granlees pump station to Calero or Chesbro, through a 33" pipeline, or to Clementia through a 21" pipeline. Typically we will be only filling Calero to allow sediment to settle out.

Diversion from the Cosumnes River may start November 1st and end by May 31st. Typically river flow from the first storms is allowed to pass by, flushing out the river system of sediment and possible contaminants washed in from roadways and agricultural areas, as our goal is to pump the cleanest water possible while being able to fill our reservoirs to maximum capacity each year.

For more detail go to our website here:

<https://www.ranchomurieta.com/water-system-overview>

View **Cosumnes River** flows at the **Michigan Bar** gauging station on the web here:

http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/staMeta?station_id=MHB

Development Update

Airport Hanger — The project has restarted.

Riverview — The work has appeared to have ceased for now.

Murieta Marketplace — Has slowed down to minor work on lot 11 (Circle K).

Retreats — The developer has completed some grubbing and minor grading work.

Detailed Updates can be found on our website:

<https://www.ranchomurieta.com/development-projects>

COMMUNITY FAQ'S

WHO TO CALL?

In heavy storms, like the one we experienced a few weeks ago, sometimes there is flooding or problems for residents. There can be confusion about "who to call?"

Rancho Murieta Community Services District (RMCS D) manages several services including:

- Water
- Sewer
- Drainage
- Waste Management
- Security

These services are for the whole District, including behind the gate as well as the area across the Jackson Hwy.

Anytime you have a problem during business hours contact the RMCS D office and they will direct you to the right person—916-354-3700.

If the problem is after business hours, you can call the South Gate at the same number or directly at 916-354-3743. After hours there are employees who cover emergency needs either from RMA or RMCS D.

WATER SHUTOFF MORATORIUM EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

Senate Bill No. 155 was chaptered September 24, 2021 and extends the prohibition to discontinue water service for residential customers and small businesses to December 31, 2021. While the state continues to progress to full recover, it is necessary to extend certain provisions of Governor Newsom's COVID-19 related executive orders that prohibit water shutoffs.

Fees and penalties for late payments will still be assessed, and the amount that you owe on your water bill will still be due when the moratorium is over. Now is the time to get caught up on your bill! Please call our office at 916-354-3700 to set up a Pay Arrangement. With this simple plan, we will help you get your past due amount paid off.

Help may be available. Please visit SHRA.org for more information.



DEER CREEK/SCOTT ROAD CROSSING STREAM GAUGE

Here is the link to check the stream level of Deer Creek and Scott Road due to rains and possible flooding.

http://www.sacflood.org/sensor.php?site_id=1133&device_id=7&view_id=1

KEEP GUTTERS, DRAIN INLETS & STORM DRAINS CLEAR

During the autumn & winter months, roof gutters and drain inlets can be easily covered and clogged with leaves and other debris, causing property and street flooding. You can help prevent this problem by keeping leaves and other debris away from the storm drain inlets in your yard and neighborhood.

CAL WASTE UPDATE

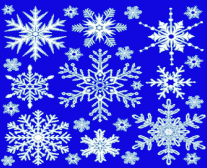
Extra Green Waste Pick-Up

Remember Cal-Waste will pick up EXTRA GREEN WASTE in **December, January and February!**

Place green waste in a plastic bag next to your regular gray container on your green waste pick up day!

Holiday Boxes

Remember to break down your cardboard boxes before you put them in the recycling cart to save space!



The District Administration Office will be closed

December 24, 2021 for Christmas Day.

We will also be closed December 31, 2021 for New Year's Day.

HOW TO CONTACT THE DISTRICT

Visit us on the web at www.rmcsd.com!

*The District's Administration Office is located at: 15160 Jackson Road, Rancho Murieta

*Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 1050, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683; Main Office: 916-354-3700

*South Gate: 916-354-3743 **Contact the South Gate for after-hours water problems.**