



**November 2022**

**Serving the Community**

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

**District Meeting Schedule For November 2022**

**Committee Meetings Will Be Held Via ZOOM**

**November 1, 2022**

Personnel @ 7:30 a.m.  
Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

**November 3, 2022**

Communication & Technology @ 8:30 a.m.  
Security @ 10:00 a.m.

**November 8, 2022**

Special Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.

**Board Meeting Will Be Held In Person**

**November 16, 2022**

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](http://www.rmcsd.com) for any changes*

**KEEP HOLIDAY F.O.G OUT OF YOUR KITCHEN SINK**

Turkey Day is just around the corner and Rancho Murieta Community Services District encourages you to keep your sink **fat-free** this holiday season.



Throughout the year, especially during the holidays, people pour the by-products of cooking down the sink drain. Fats, oils and grease (F.O.G) can coat and clog pipes which can cause sewer lines to back up into homes. That could mean costly clean-up and repair costs.

F.O.G can also cause blockages further down sewer lines. And that can result in overflows or sewage back-ups into yards or streets, creating a public health risk.

Oil making its way to wastewater treatment plants can disrupt the treatment process and increase the need for maintenance.

To prevent these problems, the District encourages you to dispose of your leftover F.O.G properly. Here are some suggestions that many of your neighbors may already be following:

- Do not put fats, oil, grease or greasy food down the garbage disposal.
- Place small amounts of fat, oil, and grease in a container with a tight-sealing lid, put the container in a trash bag, tie the bag shut, and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.
- Mix cooking oils with an absorbent material such as coffee grounds, place in a lidded container, and dispose of in a trash receptacle.
- If you are soaking a greasy pan, first pour off grease into a container. Then place paper towels over the drain basket to catch grease and food as you pour the soaking water down the drain.
- Deep fat fryers for turkeys leave a large amount of oil. Solidify the grease by mixing it with an absorbent material such as cat litter. You can also soak up excess oil with newspaper and then place it in the trash.

**EXPECTING GUESTS 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](http://www.gateaccess.net). Using [www.gateaccess.net](http://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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and end by May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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: [https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv/?site\\_no=11335000](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv/?site_no=11335000)



## NOTICE OF VACANCY ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District. This Director position's term ends December 2024.

The remaining members of the Board of Directors intend to fill the vacancy by appointment, in accordance with California Government Code Section 1780.

Please submit a written letter of interest for appointment, addressed to the District at its mailing address of P.O. Box 1050, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683, or via email to [awilder@rmcsd.com](mailto:awilder@rmcsd.com) no later than 12:00 p.m. November 22, 2022. The letter of interest should discuss qualifications for the position of Director and include answers to the preliminary questions available on our website or by calling the District Office at 916-354-3700. The Community Services District law requires that Directors reside in the District and be registered to vote in the District.

Visit our website for more information and applicant questions: [www.rmcsd.com](http://www.rmcsd.com).

## 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.



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## A Monthly Newsletter

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### BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Friday—Closed*

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### OCTOBER 19, 2022 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Terminated Employment Contract with Tom Hennig and appointed Michael Fritschi Interim GM
- Approved engagement with Vanessa Burke as outside finance staff
- Approved ad hoc Committee for GM Transition with Directors Maybee and Pohll
- Approved RIEC Ad Hoc Committee to continue research into signs around Reservoirs
- Approved Ordinance O2022-05 Revising CH 31 Solid Waste Code
- Approved Resolution R2022-23 approving contract with Kirby Pump and Prodigy Electric for emergency repairs to Rio Oso Lift Station
- Approved Ordinance O2022-04 Revising CH 3 Conflict of Interest Code
- Introduced Ordinance O2022-06 Creating CH 9 Fines and Citations
- Denied R. Tompkins Claim against the District
- Received Update on CFD 2014-1 Bonds
- Received Update on Lake 11 Emergency Repairs

### OCTOBER 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Improvements Committee

- Discussed Wood Bridge Conveyance
- Discussed Rio Oso Project
- Received update on Lake 11 Project

#### Security Committee

- Reviewed Ordinance O2022-06 adding CH 9 Citations and Fines
- Received update on Security Camera Strategy
- Received update on Security Center Rehab
- Received update on Measure “R”

#### Finance Committee

- Discussed purchasing a Treasury Bond for \$540,000 plus interest for CFD 2014-1
- Reviewed Planned Budget to Actual Format
- Discussed Proposed Franchise Agreement with Cal-Waste
- Received update on Measure “R”
- Received Update on Developer Deposits

#### Communications & Technology Committee

- Discussed Measure R Communications

### Development Update

**Riverview:** Developer is currently working on installing dry utilities for phase 1b.

**Retreats:** The District and the Developer are still working through the various punch list items for the East portion of the project retreats including disinfecting water mains. The District has submitted Lift station 6B Electrical comments and the District and Developer are scheduled to meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss. Water tie-ins have been completed at De La Cruz and Murieta Parkway.

**Circle K/Shell:** Contractor has poured the gas station slab and are working on getting approval for fire service. The station foundation forms have been constructed and will soon be poured.

**Murieta Gardens Lot 2 (Tractor Supply):** Contractor has continued block wall construction.

## EXTRA GREEN WASTE PICK UP



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

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

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



## Why Your Timely Payment May Still be Leading to Delinquency Penalties

In Rancho Murieta payments for each month are due upon receipt and no later than the 25th of the following month. What you may not know, however, is why a payment that you made on the 15th is still delinquent on the 25th. This has to do with how your payments are being made, and is specifically an issue for those choosing to make their payments via ONLINE BANKING. Although in most cases online banking is an instantaneous transaction, when it comes to paying the District that transaction must often pass through several clearing houses before we receive it, and those steps can take as long as two weeks to process. This has to do with a number of factors, but they all combine to make it so that your payment that was on time when you sent it, is now late when we receive it.

We do not have the ability to waive delinquency fees, but we also do not want any of our residents to have to pay fees for which they are not at fault. As such, we at the District would like to advise every one of several alternative payment methods that we believe will alleviate the issue:

### **1. Payment Drop Boxes**

There are several designated payment boxes located around Rancho Murieta. You can find them at the Association parking lot, the Village Club House, and the District Administration Building. If you deposit a physical check in any one of these boxes it will be received WITHIN 24 HOURS, because we check each one daily.

### **2. Online Bill Payment Service**

The District has partnered with a specific service, Paymentus, an online payment service provider, who will process your payment on behalf of the District, ensuring that it is handled on time. Please be aware that there is a service fee of \$4.50 for any payment up to and including \$300.00. For more information you can visit [www.rmcsd.com](http://www.rmcsd.com).

### **3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

If you choose to enroll in the EFT program, then your payment will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of each month (or the following business day), ensuring that it is received on time. There is no fee for payments in the EFT program. For more information you can visit [www.rmcsd.com](http://www.rmcsd.com), or just check the back of your statement.

### **4. Pay by Phone**

You may also dial 1-855-288-7460 at any time to pay via our automated phone service. Simply follow the instructions and your payment will be received WITHIN 24 HOURS. Please be aware that there is also a service fee for all payments made over the phone.



**The District Administration Office will be closed  
November 24 & 25, 2022 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

## HOW TO CONTACT THE DISTRICT

Visit us on the web at [www.rmcsd.com](http://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.**