



**A Monthly Newsletter**

**July 2023**

**Serving the Community**

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

**District Meeting Schedule For July 2023**

**Committee Meetings Will Be Held in Person**

**July 5, 2023**

Improvements **8:00 a.m.**  
Special Personnel **9:30 a.m.**  
Finance **10:00 a.m.**

**July 6, 2023**

Communication & Technology **8:30 a.m.**  
Security **Canceled**

**Board Meetings Will Be Held In Person**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**July 19, 2023 @ 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

**BE SURE TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

**FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS**

Every year, Independence Day celebrations across the country include the fiery, colorful displays and explosive pops of consumer-grade fireworks. Consumer fireworks are as common as cookouts during America's birthday. Unfortunately, their use still results in numerous fires and bodily injuries every year. Follow these safety tips when using fireworks.

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and they may pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Young children suffer injuries from sparklers, which burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees. That is hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person or animal.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- After fireworks have finished burning, douse the fireworks with plenty of water with a bucket or hose before throwing them in the trash.

**DON'T FORGET THE SAFETY OF PETS!**

- If fireworks are being used near your home, put your pet in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to the sound.
- Make sure your pet has an identification tag, in case your pet runs off during a fireworks display.
- Never shoot fireworks of any kind (consumer fireworks, sparklers, fountains, etc.) near pets.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities**

<b>Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>
<b>43rd Annual Fun Run</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Music at the Gazebo</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Show</b>	<b>9:30 PM</b>

## USE THE FASTPASS SYSTEM FOR YOUR GUESTS THIS JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

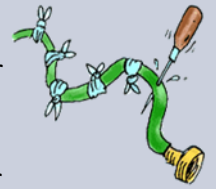
We have had huge success with the electronic FastPass program at the North Gate. Thank you to the residents that used this new system.

We want to remind everyone that the FastPass system is a full-time system and is able to be used all year. Please use it. The check-in process for your guests is a couple of seconds versus 30-45 seconds the regular way. We encourage all residents to use this new system all the time for their guests, and especially during major holidays when Rancho Murieta experiences more gate traffic than normal.

A reminder though, this system is only at the North Gate for Northside residents. It is not available on the South at this time. Please sign up for an account on [www.gateaccess.net](http://www.gateaccess.net), either the desktop or mobile version. From there you will be able to send your guests the FastPass.

## CHECKED YOUR HOSES LATELY?

It's a good idea to invest a few minutes in maintaining your personal water system—your water heater and the pipes that deliver water to your appliances—by taking these easy steps annually.



Flexible hoses connect your sink, toilet, washing machine and dishwasher to household water pipes. Many of these hoses are made of rubber or have rubber components, and over time all rubber plumbing components will deteriorate. Check them to make sure the material is in good shape.

Also, always check the hose connections for leaks and use Teflon tape to create a tight seal. Many leaks occur without warning, but one sign to watch for is greasy-textured black flakes when you run the hot water. That is an indicator of a deteriorating rubber hose. When you replace flexible hoses, opt for flex tubing or high quality rubber tubing labeled “chlorine resistant” for the longest life.

***We will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup>  
In Observance of The 4<sup>th</sup> of July***



The 2022 Consumer Confidence Report is available at:  
<https://www.ranchomurietacsd.com/files/9c2255a14/2022+consumer+confidence+report.pdf>

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**June 2023**

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### BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday

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

*Friday—Closed*

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### JUNE 7, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Introduced Ordinance O2023-03 Increasing Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Services Charges and Storm Drainage and Security Special Taxes
- Introduced Resolution R2023-08 Approving FY 2023-24 Budget including Capital Projects
- Approved District response to 2022-2023 Sacramento Grand Jury Report

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- Adopted Resolution R2023-08 Approving FY 2023-24 Budget including Capital Projects
- Approved Board response to the Community regarding 2022-2023 Sacramento Grand Jury Report
- Reviewed bids for Safety Center replacement and tabled approval until August 2023
- Approved request from KHOV for partial funding on Lift Station 6B
- Adopted changes to Utility Worker and Operator Job Descriptions
- Voted for Nicholas Schneider for CSDA Seat C—Sierra Network
- Approved Comminutor Replacement for Main Lift North

### JUNE 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

*All Committee Meeting in June were canceled.*

### NEW FISCAL YEAR

The Board adopted the 2023-2024 Budget on June 21st, after conducting the annual Budget Hearing at the June 7th Board of Directors Meeting. The proposed service charge increases, and Special Tax adjustments were adopted at the June 21, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting and are effective with the July 1, 2023 billing statement. For the majority of area residents, the proposed budget results in an aggregate 11.17% increase (approximately \$23.85 per month) to the average residential bill for all services: water, sewer, drainage, security and solid waste.

The District remains committed to providing superior community services efficiently and professionally at a reasonable cost. The District is working diligently to identify cost savings where possible to reduce the rate increase impact on all residential and non-residential customers.

**Please note that everyone fishing in Rancho Murieta**



**Lakes/Reservoirs is  
required to have a valid fishing license.**

## UTILITY NEWS

### Water Meter Access

It is important for the District to have access to all meters for data collection and maintenance. Clear access to the box helps to ensure that it can be quickly turned off in an emergency. It is the property owner/tenant's responsibility to maintain clear access around the meter box. If the meter is obstructed or inaccessible, the District will notify the property owner/tenant to either remove the obstruction or clear the area surrounding the meter. The picture to the right is an example of an accessible meter.



#### ***Ways You Can Help With Meter Accessibility***

##### **Trees, bushes and plantings**

Trim bushes, trees, and grass surrounding the meter. During the growing season, plants can cover a meter box very quickly.

##### **Pets**

Keep pets away from the path that leads to the meter. If you have a guard dog for security, please let the District know so that meter readers are aware.

##### **Objects that cover or block meters**

Please make sure that no objects cover or block access to the meter box. Items that have been found blocking meters include cars, trailers, construction materials, fences, landscape bark, gravel, and plants.

##### **Locked gates**

If the meter is located behind a gate that is normally kept locked, the District will contact you to arrange access to the meter.

## WATER LEAKS

The Utility Crews are fixing leaks as quickly as they can. Please call 916-354-3700 if you notice a water leak so that we can assess the leak. Water leaks between the meter and the home are the homeowners responsibility. If the leak is between the meter and the road, or if your not sure, please call the District.

## SECURITY REMINDERS

**Rancho Murieta Association Rule Violations.** Speeding and stop sign violations by you and/or your guests are subject to Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) fines. The speed limit for golf carts is 10 miles per hour and other vehicles 25 miles per hour. Overloaded golf carts or unsafe usage, such as towing skate-boarders or bikers, are also subject to RMA fines. Golf Carts may only be operated by licensed drivers.

**Worker Access Through the Gates.** Workers are **ONLY** allowed access through the gates Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **No workers are permitted Sunday, and Holidays.**

## SWIMMING POOL COVERS

Did you know solar swimming pool covers are a practical and economical way to save money on your pool expenses? A cover can lower your overall pool maintenance costs, including heating and chemical use. Pool covers help reduce evaporation, which means less water is needed to refill the pool. Pool covers can also lessen the time spent cleaning the pool by helping

## 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.**