



OCTOBER 2026

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For October 2026

**All Meetings are in
Person**

Committee Meetings

**Thursday, October 1
Security - 9:00 a.m.
Communications
& Technology - 10 a.m.**

**Tuesday, October 6
Personnel - 9:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, October 7
Improvements - 10:00**

**Thursday, October 8
Finance - 10 a.m.**

**Board Meeting
Wednesday
October 21
5:00 p.m.**

**The public is invited
to attend.**

**All meeting dates and
times are subject to
change.**

**Check our website,
www.rmcsd.com for
any changes.**

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

October 2026

Hello residents of Rancho Murieta,

We've had another very busy month at the District!

Welcoming Our New General Manager

Our most exciting news is the addition of our new General Manager, Marti Brown. Joining us on October 19th, Marti brings valuable experience as a former city manager. Once she settles into her new role, we will host a community meet-and-greet so everyone has a chance to welcome her. We all look forward to her leadership as we move into this new era.

Storm Preparations

Staff members are actively preparing for the upcoming winter storm season. Drainage ditch cleaning will begin shortly, led once again this year by Cal Fire crews. We are also performing routine maintenance on generators and other critical equipment to ensure we are as prepared as possible for winter weather.

Grand Jury Report

The District received a Grand Jury report on June 24, 2026. Staff and legal counsel have finalized the District's official response, which is due by September 24, 2026. The Board approved this response at the September 16, 2026, Board meeting. You can view both the full report and our official response on our website.

Lago Gate Repairs and Gate Safety Reminders

The Lago gate has been repaired and is currently operating without interruption. As a reminder, please stop at the gates and wait for the green light before proceeding. Gate arm accidents occur most frequently when drivers try to "piggyback" on the vehicle ahead of them. These accidents are costly—not only for the District in gate repairs, but also for drivers facing vehicle damage.

Board Room ADA Upgrades

Staff selected an affordable option for future ADA improvements to the Board Room. We will begin modernizing our system as soon as possible to improve accessibility.

Cybersecurity Focus

Cybersecurity remains a top priority. Staff continues to focus on strengthening digital protections against the increasing threat of ransomware and cyberattacks targeting small water districts.

The Good News

We are excited to announce the hiring of our new General Manager!

- **Marti Brown will begin on October 19, 2026.**
- **We are planning a community "Meet and Greet," so stay tuned for more information!**

September 16, 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

- Approved Grand Jury Report
- Approved General Manager Contract
- [Click here for audio link](#)

September 3, 2026 Communications & Technology Committee

[Click here for audio link](#)

- Received update on Website and Social Media
- Discussed Pipeline, "Good News"
- Discussed Community Letter
- Discussed Rancho Mureta Resilience Plan

September 8, 2026 Special Improvements Committee

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- Discussed New Water Tank Process
- Discussed Rio Oso Storage Tank Rehab Process
- Discussed CIA Ditch Gunite Scope
- Discussed Purchase/Lease Backhoe
- Discussed Contractor vs. Employee Analysis and Cost Benefit
- Discussed MEC Culvert Update
- Discussed Fire Flow Fees
- Discussed Wastewater Plant Filter Bed Rehab

September 8, 2026 Personnel Committee

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- Discussed Hiring of new General Manager - Start Date, etc.
- Discussed Hiring of Director of Operations and Recruiting
- Discussed Revised Org Chart

September 10, 2026 Finance Committee

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- Reviewed Audit Updates
- Reviewed Finance Report

Electronic Funds Transfer Reminder

Payment for your monthly CSD bill is due upon receipt and must be received no later than the 25th of the following month.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

When you enroll in the EFT program, your payment will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of each month, or on the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday. This convenient service helps ensure that your payment is received on time, and there is no fee to participate.

For more information, visit www.rmcsd.com or review the back of your billing statement.

Please note: **If an ACH bank draft is returned, your account will automatically be removed from the EFT program. You may re-enroll after replacing the returned payment within five business days.**



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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday
Closed

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Stay Safe This Storm Season: Preparing for Bad Weather and El Niño

A strong El Niño is underway and is expected to continue through the winter of 2026–27. This pattern often increases the chances of heavier rainfall, stronger storms, and elevated flooding risk across many parts of California and the West. While outcomes vary by location, now is a good time to prepare.

Before a Storm

- Sign up for local emergency alerts on the District website and monitor National Weather Service forecasts.
- Clear gutters, downspouts, and nearby storm drains of leaves and debris.
- Put together an emergency kit with at least 3 days of bottled water, non-perishable food, a flashlight, extra batteries, a radio, first-aid supplies, and medications.
- Know how to shut off your home's electricity, gas, and water main. Move valuables to higher ground if flooding is possible.
- Check on neighbors who may need extra help.

During Heavy Rain or Flooding

- Remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown. Never walk or drive through floodwaters—just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 12–24 inches can sweep a car away.
- Stay clear of downed power lines and report them immediately.
- Follow evacuation orders promptly if they are issued.
- Conserve water if the district asks—storms and power outages can strain treatment and pumping systems.

After the Storm

- Wait for official guidance before using your water. Flooding can contaminate supplies, so follow any boil-water notice carefully.
- Report water main breaks, unusual tastes or odors, or sewer backups to the district right away.
- Discard any food that came into contact with floodwater.
- Inspect your property carefully and watch for damaged roads or debris.

Heavy rain and flooding can increase challenges for water treatment and distribution. Our team monitors conditions closely and maintains emergency plans, but community preparation makes a real difference.

Questions or concerns? Contact the district office. Stay safe, stay prepared, and look out for one another.

Proper Disposal of Autumn Items

As part of our continued partnership with the Community of Rancho Murieta, Cal-Waste wants to share some information regarding solid waste with your community.

Fall is the season of pumpkins, crisp apples, and of course, Halloween! After the festivities fade, we're often left with a pile of seasonal waste—including Halloween costumes that might only see the light of day once a year. Knowing how to responsibly dispose of these items can reduce waste and benefit the environment. Here's a guide to handling common fall items like pumpkins, apple cores, and Halloween costumes.

Pumpkins: Compost

Compost: Pumpkins are completely compostable. If you have a compost bin, you can simply remove any decorations like candles, or paint, cut the pumpkin into smaller pieces, and add it to your pile. The nutrients from the decomposing pumpkin will enrich the soil in time for spring gardening.

Organic Waste Cart: If you don't compost at home, then toss pumpkins in with other food waste in the green organic waste cart.

Apple Cores: Compost

Compost: Like pumpkins, apple cores are perfect for composting. Toss them in with other food scraps, and they'll break down quickly, adding nutrients to your compost pile.

Organic Waste Cart: If you don't compost at home, then toss apple cores in with other food waste in the green organic waste cart.

Halloween Costumes: Reuse or Donate

Halloween costumes are one of the biggest contributors to seasonal waste, especially since many costumes are only worn once. Instead of letting them gather dust in your closet or throwing them away, here are some eco-friendly alternatives:

Organize a Costume Swap or Donate to Charity

By taking small steps like composting or disposing of organic waste in the proper cart and reusing Halloween costumes, you can enjoy the fall season while reducing your environmental footprint. Sustainable celebrations are not only good for the planet but also add a little extra meaning to the festivities!

SiSA SMART ALERT Emergency Notification System New Easier Way to Enroll in Community Alerts

The SiSA™ Smart Alert Solution by HQE Systems will provide secure, rapid, and reliable communication during urgent or emergency situations affecting Rancho Murieta. The District uses this system to send automated or recorded messages to the phone numbers registered by residents.

Residents can easily enroll directly online by visiting and registering their information on:
<https://rmcsd.sircom.org/subscribe>

Once you have enrolled you will be able to update addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and preferred language using this link:
<https://rmcsd.sircom.org/account>



No Wipes Down the Pipes

PLEASE ONLY FLUSH
TOILET PAPER



Even "flushable" wipes
can cause problems to our sewer systems.

Do not flush wipes, diapers, tissues, paper
towels or any other products other than
toilet paper.

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.*