

**RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
August 11, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.



**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Vice President Randy Jenco called the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Rancho Murieta Community Services District to order at 4:00 p.m. in the District meeting room, 15160 Jackson Road, Rancho Murieta. Director's present were Randy Jenco, John Merchant, and Martin Pohll. Director's Maybee and Butler were absent. Also present were Tom Hennig, General Manager; Paula O'Keefe, Director of Administration; Ron Greenfield, Acting Director of Operations; Tina Talamantes, Interim Security Supervisor; and Andrew Ramos, District General Counsel.

**2. ADOPT AGENDA**

**Motion/Merchant to adopt the agenda. Second/Pohll.**

**3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**4. CONSIDER REQUEST TO SELL WATER FOR IRRIGATION USE FROM CLEMENTIA RESERVOIR TO THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER WEST RANCH**

Tom Hennig, General Manager received a request to consider selling Ag Property (there was an error on the agenda, and the water is to be sold to Ag Property, not West Ranch) 45 acre-feet of water. The CIA Ditch has run dry. The alfalfa that is grown on this land will die without water. This item was heard by the Improvements Committee August 5, 2021 and they instructed Mr. Hennig to call a Special Board meeting. The total estimated cost of the water will be \$8,625.47 this is about 1/20 of the water we currently hold in the Clementia Reservoir. He mentioned that at the end of the season there will not be enough reclaimed water to provide the Golf Course with what they need, and Clementia will be used to fulfill our obligations to them. While the state is in a draught, and we have adopted a voluntary 15% reduction to water usage our District was able to fill its reservoirs and we do not have a shortage.

Director Merchant asked about the impact of water usage from Riverview. Mr. Hennig responded that Riverview will be grading for 10 – 12 weeks, and for 10-15 days they will be using about 300,000 gallons a day. He continued by stating, we do not feel as if this will have an impact. They will start grading in the next few weeks.

Director Merchant mentioned Policy 85-1 which was a compete Policy detailing what happened concerning the CIA Ditch and situations like we are discussing. It says it was rescinded June 16, 2010. Why was it rescinded? Mr. Hennig did not know, but will instruct Amelia Wilder, Board Secretary, to research this.

Mr. Merchant continued with a discussion on how we would preserve the water in future situations.

Director Jenco asked if we flushed Laguna Joaquin and drew Clementia down will it affect the shoreline of Clementia and cause concern. Mr. Hennig responded that if it makes sense to take some water from Calero to Clementia we would be comfortable with that decision.

Richard Gehrs commented that he looks at this in context of the Board's direction last month for residents to reduce water voluntarily 15%. Why are we conserving water if we're going to give it to a rancher who will pay a low rate? Director Jenco commented that when we requested the reduction it came from the Governor, through

the Regional Water Authority. We filled up our reservoirs last winter, we will fill them again. We have enough water. Mr. Hennig pointed out that we quadrupled our raw water rate when the rates went up this fiscal cycle. Andrew Ramos, District Counsel, agreed that we will be able to fill our reservoirs next year, unless we receive curtailment orders from the state. Now the State Water Board has the ability to issue a curtailment order. John Merchant continued by stating it may be time to stop saying we will always be able to fill our reservoirs. We may not be able to. We have always relied on Clementia to be our backup.

Mr. Hennig commented that they want the water now, and it is estimated that it will take 8-10 days to deliver the water. **Motion/Jenco to sell 45 acre-feet of raw water from Clementia to Ag Properties. Second/Pohll. Ayes: Jenco, Merchant, Pohll. Noes: None. Absent: Maybee, Butler. Abstain: None.**

John Sullivan discussed riparian rights and alternative options to get more water before the end of the year. There was a discussion about alternative avenues to fill the reservoirs.

#### **5. DIRECTOR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Director Merchant asked for a plan for future recycled water use and the investment in infrastructure. He also wondered what are the rights of the District, and our obligations to supply potable water to the Golf Course. Who is the final authority? *This item will be on a future Improvements Committee meeting for further discussion.*

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion/Jenco to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. Second/Merchant. Ayes: Jenco, Merchant, Pohll. Noes: None. Absent: Maybee, Butler. Abstain: None.**

Respectfully submitted,



Amelia Wilder  
District Secretary