



# PIPELINE

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A Monthly Newsletter

## DID YOU KNOW?

Elephants are the only mammals that cannot jump.

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## District Meeting Schedule

**May 1, 2018**

Improvements @ 8:30 a.m.

Finance @ 9:30 p.m.

Personnel @ 10:30 a.m.

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**May 3, 2018**

Security @ 4:00 p.m.

Communications & Technology @ 4:30 p.m.

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**May 16, 2018**

District Board Meeting  
Open Session @ 5:00 p.m.

***The public is invited to attend.***

## FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULED

The fiscal year for the District begins July 1; the rate hearing is scheduled for the May 16, 2018 Board meeting. Directors and staff have been reviewing data and have capped the projected increase for residential customers to 3.9 percent. The rate could be reduced during these hearings, but not increased. Notices to customers regarding the rate increase were mailed on March 31, 2018 in compliance with Proposition 218. The proposed rate hike would increase the average residential bill \$6.66 per month. Please note that this increase includes a potential \$1.00 per month tax that would be collected by the District and remitted to the State of California. You are invited to appear and make your views known or send your comments to Rancho Murieta Community Services District, C/O Controller, P.O. Box 1050, Rancho Murieta, California 95683 or call (916) 354-3700.



## THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

There have been some questions as to what the role of the District's Security Department in Rancho Murieta. The authority and functions of District Security Officers are similar to those provided by private security firms.

- Exemptions from Private Security Services Act are:
  - District Security Officers are exempt from licensing requirements, as they are employees of a political subdivision of the State. However, the District requires its Security Officers to be licensed for training purposes and because Patrol Officers are required to carry a firearm.
- The primary function of District Security Officers is to protect persons and property through the prevention of criminal conduct by being visible in the community.
- Where prevention of criminal conduct is not possible, the function of the Security Officer is to observe and report to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department (SSD) and/or California Highway Patrol (CHP).

### District Security Officers Are Not Peace Officers

- Peace Officers are defined by statute.
- District Security Officers are not classified under any category of law enforcement or as quasi-law enforcement officers.
- Off-duty peace officers sometimes augment the District security force.

### Authority to Make Arrests

- The authority of District Security Officers to make an arrest is the same as private citizen making a citizen's arrest.
- After a District Security Officer makes an arrest, the Security Officer must turn the person who has been arrested over to the Sheriff without delay.



## Rancho Murieta Community

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- If a person resists arrest, the Security Officer is allowed, but not required, to use reasonable force to subdue the person.

### Detention

- Except in limited situations, a District Security Officer does not have the authority to detain a person without affecting an arrest.

### Weapons Search

- When a District Security Officer has reason to believe that a person has a weapon and intends to harm him or her, the District Security Officer is entitled to perform a search of that person.
- A District Security Officer is entitled to search a suspect for a weapon while making an arrest, if the Security Officer has reason to believe he or she is in physical danger.

### Citation Authority

- District Security Officers have the authority to issue misdemeanor citations for violation of state law and county ordinances if the violation occurs on RMCS D owned property and in the presence of the Security Officer issuing the citation.
- District Security Officers have the authority to issue citations for violations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) of homeowner associations within the District.

Of the 320 Community Services Districts in California, Rancho Murieta is the only one that operates an in-house security service. Four (4) other Community Services Districts provide security services through a contract with a private security company.

### Lakes and Back Areas

With warmer weather approaching, many people will be venturing out to the lakes/reservoirs and back areas for recreation. As a reminder, Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) rules state that guests and vendors may not be in a park, which includes the back areas, and/or lake/reservoir areas unless the resident they are visiting is with them. Security Officers have found guests in the parks, lake/reservoir areas fishing, boating, and just hanging out in recreation areas without a resident with them. Vendors have also been found taking breaks at the lakes without a resident with them. If the resident is not present, the guest or vendor is in violation of the CC&Rs and a citation could be issued to the resident.

Gas powered engines/boats are not allowed on Rancho Murieta lakes/reservoirs. Additionally, boats must have either a one (1) day pass or a season boating pass. Boating passes can be obtained from RMA. Guests are allowed to bring their boat into the community as long as they have a resident with them and both the guest and resident go to RMA to receive a day boating pass. **Residents are required to get a seasonal boating pass from RMA.**

**Please note that everyone fishing in Rancho Murieta lakes/reservoirs is required to have a valid fishing license.**

