



A Monthly Newsletter

July 2020

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For July 2020

July 2 , 2020

Security **CANCELLED**

July 7, 2020

Personnel **CANCELLED**

Improvements
@ 8:00 a.m.

Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

July 9, 2020

Communication &
Technology @ 8:30 a.m.

July 15, 2020

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 for any changes

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.

A MESSAGE FROM RMA PRESIDENT ON JULY 4TH

Update on July Fourth Activities

At the RMA Board Meeting, held on June 16, 2020, the RMA Board took action to cancel the July 4th Fireworks Show and Parade, two activities we all look forward to and have enjoyed each year in our community for decades. We had hoped that the Covid-19 restrictions would be relaxed enough to allow for these popular Murieta activities, but the most current Sacramento County Public Health Order, dated June 12, 2020, continues to prohibit large social gatherings. Sacramento Metro Fire District, our local fire district, is only allowed, by the State of Calif., to issue permits for shows where the attendees are required to remain in vehicles. RMA’s show is not that type of show, so the Board had no other options, but to cancel the show. Additionally, due to the County and State’s prohibitions on large crowds, the Board was not allowed to hold the parade either.

Cheryl McElhany
RMA Board President

GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

CSD Determines Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Preference

In 2014, the State of California adopted legislation requiring groundwater management, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). According to the act, local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) must be formed for all high and medium priority groundwater basins in the state. These GSAs are required to develop and implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for managing and using groundwater without causing undesirable results: such as significant groundwater-level declines, groundwater-storage reductions, seawater intrusion, water-quality degradation, land subsidence, and surface-water depletions; these are also referred to as sustainability indicators. For the groundwater subbasins in Sacramento County, the GSP or GSPs must be adopted by January 31, 2022.

RMCS D relies on surface water and reclaimed water and does not use groundwater. The District has an excellent water system and reliable non-groundwater water supply. The water supply suffered little during the recent drought. RMCS D has no short or long-term plans to install any groundwater wells. Consequently, the District will not be directly affected by implementation of groundwater regulation by the GSAs in the area. Nevertheless, in order to protect the overall sustainable water supply and the possible future use of groundwater, RMCS D should monitor and be engaged with the area GSAs.

RMCS D lands are situated over three distinct areas. These areas are 1) South American groundwater sub-basin (west/southwest area, and north of the Cosumnes River); 2) Cosumnes groundwater sub-basin (south/southeast area, and south of the Cosumnes River); and 3) the remaining area in the northeast parts of the district that do not overlie a groundwater sub-basin. Because the southeast region of Sacramento County is split between two groundwater sub-basins and includes several local water agencies, there has been some disagreement among these agencies as to the proper GSA(s) to regulate the groundwater within the South American subbasin. These disagreements have been resolved through a Memorandum of Understanding Establishing a South American Subbasin SGMA Working Group and Identifying Cost Share Provisions for GSP Development among the County of Sacramento.

At the June 17, 2020 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to establish Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) as our GSA for the following reasons:

- *The District has relied on surface and recycled water for 100% of water consumption throughout its history. Our need for groundwater is unlikely.*
- *Partnering with SRCD gives the District a greater degree of local control of our potential use of groundwater.*
- *Partnering with SRCD should be less expensive for our residents. As of today, the District has paid no fees to SRCD. We will still maintain our membership with the Regional Water Authority.*
- *SRCD is currently the GSA for the farmland to the West of RMCS D, which is farmland served by the Cosumnes Irrigation Association, a partner with the District for the CIA Ditch.*

JUNE 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Voted to Move Appointment of New Board Member to Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
- Adopted Ordinance O2020-02 Adopting the Proposed Service Charge Increases and Special Tax Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
- Adopted Resolution R2020-03 Adopting FY 2020-21 Budget
- Approved Cal-Waste Annual Contract Amendment
- Confirmed Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District as Rancho Murieta CSD's preferred Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
& 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch -
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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NORTH GATE FASTPASS

Rancho Murieta Community Services District's Security Department encourages Residents to use the FastPass program for faster guest check-in at the North Gate for the July 4th Holiday.

Residents are required under the Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) CC&Rs to pre-register all guests with the gates. Long car lines and backups occur in the visitor lanes due to residents not pre-registering their guests. This is especially crucial for holidays when we have more guests entering the community than usual.

The FastPass system will email or text your guest a FastPass, which is an electronic QR code pass. The Gate Officer will scan the QR code, which will then automatically log in the guest. The FastPass will work for permanent guests also.

To use this new system, residents must have an account on www.gateaccess.net. If you do not have an account, please set one up, it only takes a couple of minutes. For more information on the Gate Access program, visit our website www.rmcsd.com.

Residents may log into their account and enter the guest's name or select the guest's name. There will now be a tab for the resident (to the right of the guest's name) to click on to elect to send the FastPass. The resident will enter the email address or phone number to send the pass. That's it - simple and fast. The directions on how to use the FastPass system are available on our website, www.rmcsd.com.

CAL-WASTE RESUMES BULKY WASTE PICKUP!

Download the Free App "Cal-Waste Recycles Right" To Digitally Schedule Your Large Item Pick Up!

Our Free Large Item Pick Up service is available again in Rancho Murieta! To schedule one, please use our app or, visit us online at www.cal-waste.com.

Large Item Pick Ups are for oversized items that will not fit into a Cal-Waste collection cart during your regular weekly waste collection. Large Item Pick Up materials must not exceed four feet by four feet by two feet (4'x4'x2') and sixty (60) pounds.


Oversized Items Accepted for Bulky Waste Pick Up Include:


- Carpet
 - Furniture & Mattresses
 - Electronics at the end of their useful life (Computers, Televisions, VCR's, Stereos, Copiers, Fax Machines, etc.)
 - Appliances: Refrigerators, Ranges, Water Heaters, Freezers, etc.
- Please visit our website for specific guidelines including a list of acceptable and unacceptable items.

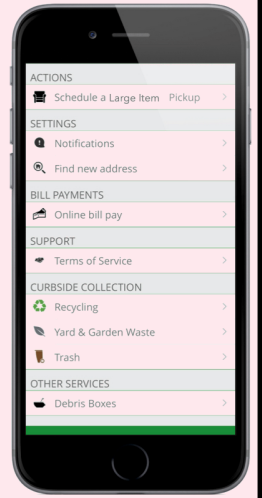
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LARGE ITEM PICK UPS
ARE AVAILABLE AGAIN
IN RANCHO MURIETA!

1. Click the ●●● at the bottom right corner of your screen.
2. Tap Schedule a Large Item Pick Up.
3. Tell us what you would like to have collected.
4. Choose your Large Item Pick Up Date
5. You will receive a confirmation e-Mail verifying the date and details.







CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - RMCSO OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC—ALL REGULAR SERVICES CONTINUE AS USUAL

The Rancho Murieta Community Services District Buildings are CLOSED to the public until further notice due to COVID-19 best practices. SERVICES, including WATER, SEWER, DRAINAGE, AND SECURITY will continue as usual. SOLID WASTE (Cal-Waste) will continue its TRASH and GREEN WASTE/RECYCLING pick up schedule as usual, and they have resumed Curbside BULKY WASTE Collection. Payments can be made online or in our drop box located at the front door. We are not accepting cash payments at this time. For questions - please call 916-354-3700. The Security Department is operating as usual; however the public will not be permitted in the gatehouses.

We are here to help! If you are unable to make a payment, please contact the District directly at (916) 354-3700 to arrange a payment plan, which will reduce or defer monthly payments to residents impacted by the current COVID-19 situation.

The office closure is subject to County Health Directives and it's possible we may reopen on a limited basis if allowed. Go to RMCSO.Com or call to check to see if office is open.



**KEEP
CALM
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NEW FISCAL YEAR

The Board adopted the 2020-2021 Budget in June after conducting the annual Budget Hearing at the May Board of Directors Meeting. The proposed service charge increases, and Special Tax adjustments were adopted at the June 17, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting and are effective with the July 25, 2020 billing statement. The average monthly increase for a residential metered lot is \$1.77 or 0.95%. The rate increase was due to the primary drivers for the increase include:

- Solid Waste contract cost
- Special tax for Security and Drainage

SUMMER IS SNAKE SEASON

It's summer, which is the time rattlesnakes are looking for cozy places to "hang out". If you are working in your garden or landscape, be especially watchful. Also, if you are walking your dog, be sure it is on a leash and not off "investigating" sights and sounds where it can be bitten.

Reminder: snakes are great swimmers, so be careful when you swim in the river or lakes.



The 2019 Consumer Confidence Report is available at:

<https://www.ranchomurieta.com/consumer-confidence-report-2019>



***We will be closed July 3rd
In Observance of The 4th of July***

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.**