

# WARNING

To Rancho Murieta Representatives and Residents

A Repulsive Illegal<sup>i</sup> Groundwater Tax is about to be imposed on you, illegally<sup>ii</sup> if you don't take action.

The Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD), which I have been a member of for about 30 years, became a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for 94,000 acres in the Cosumnes Basin, depicted below: Sloughhouse RCD is the exclusive representative pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Rancho Murieta. RMCS D had endorsed SRCD becoming the GSA. There has been decades of getting along between Rancho Murieta and SRCD... The Granlees Dam project was started over 100 years ago in the 1919 or so, and my Great Grandfather was an initial participant.

Today (3/17/2021) Seven agencies (see map, Rancho is in SRCD) met to make basin wide decisions and taxing Rancho Murieta was discussed: Some of the group still want to TAX RANCHO MURIETA RESIDENTS FOR GROUNDWATER because they see Rancho Murieta and others who use ZERO groundwater as "piggy banks", to subdize the water piggies who caused the overdraft. Taxing Rancho Murieta is "On the table".. Take Action Now

**I urge RMCS D to reach out to all your residents**, and ask them to look at their water bill. Appreciate that Rancho Murieta uses a water system first started about 1920 building Granless Dam to divert water into ditches to irrigate lands along the river for a few miles(it was originally planned to cross under the yellow bridge). Then Rancho Murieta obtained another permit;(s) about 1970, to use the same Granlees Dam, and have paid for Reservoirs, Treatment Facilities, use of all return flow for irrigation, zero waste (nothing exported away), by far the biggest recharge project on the Cosumnes, and perhaps have the best commuity water system west of the Rockys .. WHY IN THE HELL, double HellHell, would the Piggy Water pumpers want you to subdisize them.

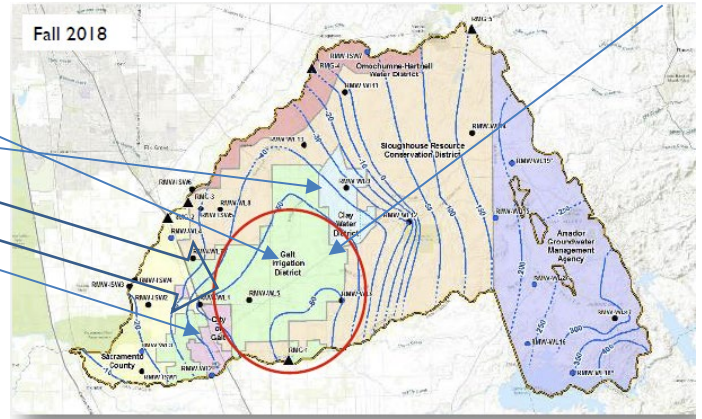
When I was chairman of SRCD, and we had hearings and attended RMCS D meetings and became your representative, it absolutely never ever occurred to me that anyone would try to impose such an unfair hideous tax on you folks in Rancho Murieta.

If someone suggest, you may just want to be "helpful" "voluntery", perhaps poll RMCS D constituentss and ask:

Would you like us to spend your tax/water fee money subsizing piggy water hogs around the basin, or projects within Rancho Murieta that helps the kids, the school situation, the struggling small shops, the parke, etc.... Easy isn't it?

Problem caused by overpumpers here

The Cosumnes Basin is overdrafted, (the contour map shows the **big hole** “Cone of Depression” due to folks pumping too much groundwater mostly in/near **Galt Irrigation District**, some **City of Galt and Clay Water District**. They used surface water for irrigation until various entities including SMUD and County and Water Forum negotiating “deals” that helped “them” (urban folks) but screwed the farmers; so about the same time the Water Forum Agreement was signed in 2006, the water was cut off and the farmers and City of Galt were then forced to use groundwater due to the unconscionable action of reneging on past agreements, and just cut the water off. BUT



Even though the Farmers knew the groundwater was dropping, dropping more, they continued to irrigate and irrigate and didn't make some simple cutbacks to save the groundwater. In other words, sure Urban greed cutting cutting the water off to farmers was wrong and super bad decision, perhaps the worst city folks with city ideas screwing a few East County Farmers .. whats new. The farmers, and our family has farmed here for over 115 years so I'm not pointing fingers across the fence, knew and should have made some cuts then so they didn't overdraft, but it's hard enough to have a viable agriculture operation in the county, due to so many anti agricultural policies (if you want farm to fork, you best support the farmers, if you let those in the city control, the “farm” will be far away the fork where sensible folks are in control) So for whatever reason they didn't cut, didn't spend like Rancho Murieta or others that use only surface water.

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ii ii Being Considered is a “Pre Groundwater Sustainability Plan” the prohibits imposing the fee on di minimis users of Groundwater. Since Rancho Murieta uses Zero groundwater (in fact recharges the groundwater). Not a lawyer, but it's hard to be more di minimis than zero. **and shows where due to folks not overdrafting like Rancho Murieta and all your cattlemen neighbors who are trying to keep the area rural and family farm friendly), there is no hole)**