



A Monthly Newsletter

July 2022

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For July 2022

Board Meeting Will Be Held In the Board Room

***July 20, 2022
District Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.***

Committee Meetings Will Be Held Via ZOOM

July 5, 2022
Personnel @ 7:30 a.m.
Improvements @ 8:00
Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

July 7, 2022
Communications & Technology @ 8:30 a.m.
Security @ 10:00 a.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

BE SURE TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

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.

July 4th Activities

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	7:00 AM
40 th Annual Fun Run	7:30 AM
July 4 th Parade	10:00 AM
Music at the Gazebo	7:00 PM
July 4 th Fireworks Show	9:30 PM

The 2021 Consumer Confidence Report is available at:

<https://www.ranchomurietacs.com/files/fde9351ea/2021+consumer+confidence+report.pdf>

Addressing our Security Service Needs Update

Dear Community,

Thank you for your recent input on our security service priorities. Resident feedback is the foundation of RMCS D security goal setting. RMCS D Board members need to make important decisions soon and must consider placing a parcel tax on the November ballot to address security needs. As community residents, the RMCS D Board is committed to contributing to the long term health and security of Rancho Murieta.

As you are aware from our message last month, **we are committed to providing customized security services on a 24/7 basis to help maintain a safe, high-quality community and protect you, your property and your property values.**

Our Current Security Services and Team:

Staffing both Rancho Murieta security gate entrances 24/7, year-round.

A 24-hour mobile patrol of the entire community and its boundaries.

A radio communications system to maintain direct, efficient contact with other emergency service providers, including local sheriff, and fire.

Assisting first responders when emergency rapid-response is needed – e.g. medical assist calls, first aid, firefighting, etc.

Support Sheriff services before they arrive (sometimes 30-40 minutes).

Local welfare visits to needed residents.

Security Funding.

Funding for Rancho Murieta security initially came from Measure J, a special parcel tax overwhelmingly approved by local voters in 1998. **After 24 years however, operating costs have increased dramatically, while Measure J funding has not kept up.** In fact, ten years after it was established, security needs were not met with Measure J, and RMCS D began supplementing security needs with property tax funds. Our Board would prefer to allocate property taxes to support the District's regulated responsibility for Water, Sewer, and Drainage services. While this prevented water, sewer, and waste utility bill increases in the short term, it has contributed to our current dire financial state.

Without a funding solution, we will be forced to make painful security service cuts. To address this issue, we have been researching a potential new parcel tax to maintain or increase security services dedicated **only** security.

No decisions have been made yet. decisions will be made about a potential parcel tax option at future board meetings. **Important facts about the parcel tax options being considered:**

- The proposed parcel tax would be in addition to your current Security tax.
- All parcels would be charged the same amount.
- All funds generated would stay in Rancho Murrieta for security services only. No funds could be taken away by the County or State or be used for other purposes.
- The District Board needs to prioritize property tax to reserves for Water, Sewer, and Drainage, including critical infrastructure repairs and replacements to continue providing clean, safe water and other services.
- Please help by participating in board meetings, reading the Pipeline, and contacting us directly with comments, questions, or concerns. Community group feedback is very welcome. Please call 916-354-3700 or email thennig@rmcsd.org.

The more residents participating in the conversation, the better our community solutions will be. We need to hear your feedback. Please help by participating in board meetings, reading the Pipeline, and contacting us directly with comments, questions, or concerns. Community group feedback is very welcome, Please call 916-354-3700 or email thennig@rmcsd.org.

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BETTER RECYCLING HABITS MADE EASY

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.

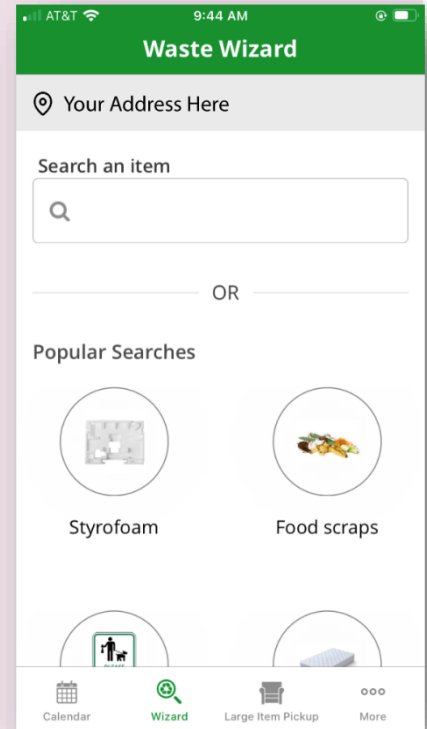
In the past decade, there has been a super-fad in the packaging industry to market products and their packaging as green, eco-friendly, and sustainable. Many businesses are honest in their efforts, while others require more skepticism. This malintent is known as “greenwashing”, and the term also entails products marketed as “natural”, but we’ll stick to what we know, recycling.

In 2021, a class-action lawsuit was filed against Hefty Recycling Bags for advertising that their bags are recyclable. The bags themselves, like most plastic bags are made from a thin plastic film that is not recyclable. In fact, these plastic bags contaminate recycling when comingled in recycling containers.

Luckily, there is a way to be vigilant when recycling without having to join a class-action lawsuit. By using the Cal-Waste Recycles Right Mobile App you can use the Waste Wizard to search for items to see if they are actually recyclable as their packaging may claim. The waste wizard can also help you properly dispose of items that have long been collecting dust such as an old sofa or electronics. If you can’t find it in the Waste Wizard, then you can submit the item as a “suggested item”. We are constantly reviewing suggested items and updating our Waste Wizard so that you can be an informed recycler.

As always, you can call our Customer Service Department with any questions that require more detail at (916) 354-4154.

Scan this code to download our Mobile App and use the Waste Wizard.



Rizzi, Corrado. May 10, 2021. *Recyclable Hefty Bags Are Anything But, Class Action Lawsuit Alleges*. ClassAction.org <https://www.classaction.org/news/recyclable-hefty-bags-are-anything-but-class-action-lawsuit-alleges>

***We will be closed July 4th
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.**



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BUSINESS HOURS

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

Friday—Closed

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June 1, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved Resolution R2022-16 appointing Hearing Officer for employee R. Tompkins termination appeal hearing
- Approved Resolution R2022-15 honoring employee Ryan Wenker
- Introduced amended Ordinance O2022-01 which would increase special taxes on Drainage and Security

June 15, 2022 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved 9th Amendment to Agreement with Cal-Waste
- Discussed Voluntary Water Restrictions
- Discussed Prop 218 Protest Letters, FY 2022-23 Rate Increase, and proposed budget. These items were tabled until June 29, 2022 so a final review of protest letters
- Adopted Ordinance 2022-01 amending Chapter 16A (Drainage) and 21 (Security) of District Code
- Voted for Elliott Mulberg for CSDA Board Seat B

JUNE 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements Committee

- Discussed potential voluntary water restrictions
- Discussed converting design standards to Sacramento County standards
- Discussed contract with SOLitude for Chesbro and Clementia Chemical Maintenance

Security Committee

- Discussed June 26 Unity Event with Sac Sheriff and reviewed calls for service

Finance Committee 4/5 and Special Finance Committee 4/14

- Received update on Rate Increase Protest Letters
- Discussed FY 2022-23 Budget

Communications & Technology Committee

- Discussed Reservoir Information and Education Committee

NOTICE OF DISTRICT ELECTION

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District and are a registered voter within the District, you may obtain the paperwork from the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office at 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento, or on their website at <https://elections.saccounty.net/CampaignServices/Pages/Election-Documents.aspx> . The filing period is July 18, 2022 through August 12, 2022.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Riverview: Staff are reviewing punch list items for phase 1a prior to acceptance. The District is having the septic tank pumped at the country club bathroom due to recent construction cuts on the Karsten drive entrance, potentially compromising the leach field. The District is billing the developer for this cost of pumping.

Retreats: The developer is about 1/3 complete with installing storm drains and about 2/3 complete installing sewer pipe. The excavation crew has run into a very large rock and has brought in a larger excavator. They will end up having to blast. The contractor is supposed to issue a blasting plan that discusses warning criteria and traffic control.

Circle K/Shell: The Developer has completed the onsite manhole and it will need to be tested.

Residences East & West – The District received the draft drainage plan, grading plan, and the initial development application with deposit from the developer for Residences East & West.