



A Monthly Newsletter

April 2025

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For April 2025

All Meetings are in Person

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday April 3rd
9 a.m. - Communications & Technology
10 a.m. Security

Tuesday April 8th
Improvements 8:00

Thursday April 10th
9:30 a.m.—Personnel
10:00 a.m.— Finance

Tuesday, April 22
4:00—Parks

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday
April 16th
5:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Check our website, www.rmcsd.com for any changes.

Prop 218 Notices

Prop 218 Notices are available [here](#) and are also being mailed out. These notices detail proposed increases to service rates for water, wastewater, and solid waste. The Staff and Board recognize that cost increases are difficult for consumers and have been very mindful of the impact even the smallest increase can have on fixed budgets. Staff have tried to balance that with the very real need to keep the water system intact, District operations’ fully functional, and compliant with all regulations. Staff’s efforts to improve the District’s overall financial management will result in a clearer understanding of the revenues and expenses for each service area.

A clear understanding of revenues and expenses helps us determine the service rates needed to fully cover operational expenses, pay for critical maintenance, and pay contracted solid waste fees. The rates also play a role in growing reserves to cover future anticipated replacement of aging infrastructure.

Staff presented an initial draft of increases that would be needed to cover the gap between revenues and expenses for three service areas: water, wastewater, and solid waste. These gaps can be covered through:

- Increased service fees
- The application of property tax revenues stream or reduction in services.

The Board authorized the release of the 218 notices which include the highest possible rate increases that could be considered.

In the coming weeks, staff will refine the District’s revenue and expense numbers and present a formal budget to the Finance Committee and Board and receive guidance on the mix of rate increases, expense reductions, and property tax utilization needed to craft a balanced budget.

On May 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., the District will host a hearing on the proposed rate increases. All are welcome at this meeting which will be held at 15160 Jackson Rd. Rancho Murieta.

HELP KEEP OUR DRAINAGE DITCHES CLEAN

District staff maintains several miles of drainage ditches and is stretched thin at keeping all the leaves under control and out of the drainage ditches. Remember to rake or vacuum your yard clippings and keep them out of the street. This yard waste blocks the drainage ditch and prevents it from its primary purpose: protecting the water supply from unintended inflows of drainage water.



NO WIPES IN THE PIPES

Many toilet paper alternatives such as “flushable wipes”, wet wipes, sanitary napkins, and even paper towels cannot safely be flushed down the toilet. Wet wipes flushed down toilets contribute to many sewer blockages in sanitary sewer lines, and even your home.

Wet wipes or flushable wipes, that claim they are “safe for flushing” can still cause serious damage to your home’s plumbing. Flushing wipes down the toilet might cause an immediate issue, however, the problem can arise later as the wipes move through the sewer system. These wipes don’t dissolve, and ultimately clump together causing pipe clogs. If these sewage backups and overflows lead to overflows inside homes, it can lead to health risks for residents and their families.

When the wipes make it to the sewage treatment plant, the facilities become overworked trying to process the solid waste that doesn’t breakdown. The result of flushing these products could mean major wastewater treatment issues for your individual home and for your District’s wastewater treatment facilities. By flushing any products other than toilet paper, we create not only inconveniences in services but also incur very costly repairs.

Examples of things you should not flush are:

- Baby products
- Cotton products
- Feminine hygiene products
- Contraceptives
- Diapers
- Dental floss
- Paper towels & tissues
- Hair
- Gum
- Medications
- Cat litter
- Cigarette butts
- Facial Pads
- Adult Wipes
- Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Adhesive Bandages
- Makeup Remover Wipes

THE GOOD NEWS

Lost Lake is receiving maintenance and clean-up through joint efforts of CSD, the Country Club and residents. A floating harvester will remove aquatic weeds from the pond’s surface, and a biologically safe weed retardant and install two fountains will be added to enhance the lake’s health and appearance. The Country Club is joining the effort by trimming trees, removing brush and replacing the post and cable fence.

CSD Security came to the call of residents on Colbert Dr. who were disturbed by someone banging on their back slider on February 22. the Community Service Officer checked to make sure no one was on the property, then waited in their vehicle to insure no further disturbances. Great Job Security!



RESERVOIR LEVELS

We understand that the Community is very interested in the levels of the Reservoirs, so we plan to keep you updated on those levels through the winter and spring. As of March 12, 2025 we are pumping from the river and continue to pump daily (if possible) to fill the Reservoirs. Without the stoplogs, the reservoirs are:

- Calero is 99% full
- Chesbro is 91% full
- Clementia is 103% full

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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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MARCH 14, 2025 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved return of General Manager from Administrative Leave

MARCH 19, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Instructed Tim Maybee, Park’s Representative, to approve Rancho Murieta Association adding Shade Structures
- Instructed Tim Maybee, Park’s Representative, to approve Rancho Murieta Association funding Shade Structures from Parks Fund
- Approved Design Phase of Interim Supply and Storage Controls Project
- Tabled discussed on Non-Represented Employee Performance Evaluation Process
- Responded to SOLOS Petition for Water Connection Moratorium
- Discussed Grand Jury Recommendations
- Discussed SB552
- Tabled Non-Represented Salary Schedule
- Approved returning Ordinance to impose Barcode Fees to April 2025 Board agenda
- Reviewed FY25-26 Draft Budget and authorized Prop 218 Notice with a revision which will add \$2.00 to the both water and wastewater reserve funds
- Approved Contract with LRI for Strategic Planning Sessions
- Requested a rescission of Draft IWMP Report Submitted by Rancho Murieta Properties to Sacramento County. Murieta North Properties will report on this at the April Board meeting
- Instructed Staff to prepare Policy stating we need a reserve of one-year water supply
- Discussed the status of Community Inquiries regarding IWMP and Created a working group for IWMP questions
- Declined to make a nomination for CSDA Board of Directors Seat B

MARCH 19, 2025 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved Contract with M-3 and Prodigy Electric for rehabilitation of Alameda Lift Station

MARCH 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements Committee

- Received Presentation from WSC on Urban Water Management Plan and Vision Scopes
- Discussed Potable Water Storage System
- Discussed Fire Hydrant and Fire Flow Studies
- Received correspondence from John Merchant
- Discussed Monthly Water Inventory and Production Report
- Recommended Alameda Lift Station RFP Scoring CIP #23-11-02 be moved to the Board for approval
- Discussed reclaimed water permit modification for Clementia Reservoir
- Discussed District Administration Office Beautification
- Discussed unanswered IWMP Questions

Communications & Technology Committee

- Received update on Website and Social Media
- Discussed Strategic Communication Plan and Pipeline
- Discussed Communications with the Community
- Discussed Questions and Answers from the Community Concerning the IWMP
- Discussed the Field Operations Technology Projects Form

Finance Committee

- Discussed Finance Report
- Received First Pass of FY25-26 Draft Budget
- Reviewed Budget Calendar

Personnel Committee

- Recommended the Non Represented Salaries be moved to the Board for approval



Join us for a

Virtual Community Meeting

Rancho Murieta Community Meeting

East County Transit



April 15, 2025
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE MEETING:

Sacramento County wants to hear from you! The 2023 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) recommends discontinuation of the East County Transit service from Rancho Murieta Parkway South and Rancho Murieta Airport bus stops to downtown Sacramento. County staff will walk through the SRTP recommendation, review recent ridership and equity analysis, and gather your feedback.

JOIN THE MEETING:

<https://bit.ly/RMTransit>

This URL is case sensitive.

OR, DIAL IN BY PHONE

(916) 245 - 8966

Meeting ID: 750 291 564#



Questions? Contact Benjamin Rady at RadyB@SacCounty.gov or (916) 974-74479.

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.*