



## A Monthly Newsletter

**July 2025**

**Serving the Community**

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

### **District Meeting Schedule For July 2025**

**All Meetings are in Person**

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Tuesday July 8**  
**Improvements 8 a.m.**  
**Communications & Technology—9 a.m.**  
**Security—10 a.m.**

**Thursday, July 10**  
**Finance—9 a.m.**  
**Personnel—10 a.m.**

**BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday**  
**July 16**  
**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](http://www.rmcsd.com) for any changes.*

### **PLEASE BRING YOUR CSD BILL CURRENT IMMEDIATELY!**

Thank you to all of the residents who have paid their account in full! Of the 88 delinquent accounts reported in the Pipeline last month, 21 ratepayers have brought their account current. 15 ratepayers have entered into a payment plan, and 52 are still delinquent. Staff began preparing and mailing 10-day notices on May 2, 2025, and we have shut off water to some residents. The District wants to give ratepayers who still have outstanding balances the opportunity to bring their accounts current.

Accounts that remain outstanding will be placed on the property tax rolls for collection. If your account is delinquent and you want to avoid this, you can either pay your past due balance in full, or enter into a Payment Agreement by calling the District office at 916-354-3700. By entering into an agreement, the account holder can pay their outstanding balance in equal installments for up to 24 months. If the District and customer enter into a Payment Agreement, the customer shall comply with the agreement or other arrangement and remain current on any new water service charges as they are billed in each subsequent billing period.

***PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT any remaining delinquent accounts will be added to the Sacramento County Tax Roll. The cutoff date to add delinquent accounts is August 1, 2025. Please call us at 916-354-3700 to make arrangements as soon as possible.***

### **NEW FISCAL YEAR**

The Board adopted the FY25-26 Budget on June 18, 2025 at the Board of Directors Meeting. The proposed service charge increases, and Special Tax adjustments were adopted at the same meeting and are effective with the July 25, 2025 billing statement. For the majority of area residents, the proposed budget results in an aggregate 3.97% increase (approximately \$10.81 per month) to the average residential bill for all services: water, sewer, drainage, security and solid waste.

The District remains committed to providing superior community services efficiently and professionally at a reasonable cost. The District is working diligently to identify cost savings where possible to reduce the rate increase impact on all residential and non-residential customers.



### **THE GOOD NEWS**

- **RMA is redesigning and improving the front entrance of the South Community. We look forward to seeing these improvements.**
- **The River Valley Garden Club will be contributing to the Pipeline, and have offered to help us with sad our front yard.**

## NOTICE OF VACANCY ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District. This Director position's term ends in December 2028, but this appointment will be until December 2026. In November 2026, the position will be on the ballot to fill the remaining two years of the term.

The remaining members of the Board of Directors intend to fill the vacancy by appointment, in accordance with California Government Code Section 1780.

Please submit a written letter of interest and responses to the questions that can be found on the front page of our website at [www.rmcsd.com](http://www.rmcsd.com) for appointment, addressed to the District at its mailing address, P.O. Box 1050, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683, or via email to [awilder@rmcsd.com](mailto:awilder@rmcsd.com) no later than Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. The letter of interest should discuss qualifications for the position of Director and responses to the questions which can be found on our website at [www.rmcsd.com](http://www.rmcsd.com) or by calling 916-354-3700. The Community Services District law requires that Directors reside in the District and be registered to vote therein.



### JUNE 18, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Discussed the Management of Standing Committees
- Reviewed RMA CC&R's for Boat and Gate
- Adopted Resolution R2025-02 approving FY25-26 Annual Budget and CIP Projects
- Adopted Ordinance O2025-02 increasing Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Service charges and Storm Drainage and Security taxes
- Approved Administration Office returning to four day a week schedule
- Voted for CSDA Board of Directors

### JUNE 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Improvements Committee

- Discussed WSC Water Vision Scopes
- Discussed Unanswered IWMP Questions
- Discussed Cameras for Water Tank Sites
- EV vs Gas Vehicle

#### Communications & Technology Committee

- Received update on Website and Social Media
- Discussed Pipeline and "the Good News"
- Reviewed RMA CC&R Boat and Gate Rules

#### Finance Committee

- Discussed Audit Reports
- Reviewed FY25-26 Draft Budget and Reserve Development
- Reviewed Budget Calendar
- Discussed continuation of Debt Service Charge
- Discussed utility Billing Owner Only

#### Security Committee

- Received Security report
- Reviewed Security Operations
- Discussed RMA Rules
- Discussed Signs at the Reservoirs
- Discussed Budget
- Discussed Status of Bar Code Program

The 2024 Consumer Confidence Report is available at:

<https://www.ranchomurieta.com/consumer-confidence-report-2024>

## Board of Directors

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### BUSINESS HOURS

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

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### Help Protect Your Drinking Water!!!

**Invasive golden mussels** were discovered for the first time in North America in October 2024 in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta of California. Golden mussels are NOT in Rancho Murieta’s Reservoirs, and you can help us keep it that way. The golden mussel is likened to quagga mussels, an invasive species that we have successfully kept out of Rancho Murieta drinking water reservoirs.

Golden mussels are highly efficient filter feeders that can alter our reservoirs water quality, displacing native species and sport fish. They form dense colonies on hard surfaces using adhesive “byssal threads.” They can encrust boats, piers, rocks, and pipes. Their colonization impedes water flow through pipes and fouls watercraft motors.

Golden mussels can tolerate a broader range of habitats than quagga and zebra mussels, making them more of a threat to Rancho Murieta. They survive in brackish and fresh water, and in waters with lower calcium concentration than other mussels.



#### Help us keep golden mussels OUT of Rancho Murieta Reservoirs.

- **Mandatory watercraft decontamination**  
All non-motorized watercraft traveling from other areas should perform a decontamination following visiting of any other waterways. As always, boats that were launched last in our lakes and have an RMA Decal can launch again.
- **Clean, Drain, and Dry ALL watercraft**  
All gear that comes in contact with water has the potential to spread invasive species. Clean, Drain, and Dry everything, including your kayak, paddleboard, fishing gear, hydrofoil, and inflatables.

#### Below are the CC&R’s from RMA on Boat Usage

- Only boats, canoes, kayaks and other watercraft that are owned by Rancho Murieta property owners and residents may be used on any Rancho Murieta lake.
- All boats, canoes, kayaks and other watercraft are prohibited from entering Rancho Murieta unless towed, carried, or transported in by a Rancho Murieta property owner or resident.
- RMA requires that all boats, canoes, kayaks and other watercraft (eight feet in length or over) launched and being operated on Rancho Murieta lakes must obtain an RMA annual decal affixed to the port (left) side of the bow of the boat. Decals are available for purchase in the RMA office.
- Boats, canoes, kayaks and other watercraft with gasoline motors shall not be allowed on any of the Rancho Murieta lakes.
- Electric motors may be used on any Rancho Murieta lake.
- Boats, canoes, kayaks and other watercraft must be free of any foreign or invasive species which could be introduced into a body of water within Rancho Murieta.

## 6 WAYS TO REDUCE OUTDOOR WATERING THIS SPRING

It's spring, which means warmer temperatures and as a result, outdoor water use is on the rise. While it's important to be water conscious throughout the year, the spring and summer require increased attention to irrigation schedules and outdoor water use.

***Experts estimate that 50 percent of the water we use outdoors goes to waste from evaporation, wind, or runoff due to overwatering.***

While buying a timer for your irrigation system seems like the obvious solution, more times than not the system is installed with set times and never seasonally adjusted; leading to unnecessary water waste during the cooler months. With that in mind, we've compiled a few tips to help you beat the heat and keep your water use under control:

### 1. TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Know how much water your landscape actually needs before you set your sprinkler. Your local nursery can offer recommendations for how much water certain plants need in your region and best times to water. Generally, it's best to water lawns and landscapes in the early morning and evening, after the sun goes down, because significant amounts of water can be lost due to evaporation during the heat of the day.

### 2. TUNE UP YOUR SYSTEM

- Inspect irrigation systems and check for leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads.
- Fix sprinkler heads that are broken or spraying on the sidewalk, street, or driveway.

**Did you know?** Just one broken sprinkler head can waste up to 25,000 gallons of water over a six-month irrigation season.

### 3. SEPARATE YOUR PLANTS INTO ZONES

When planting, assign areas of your landscape different hydro-zones depending on sun/shade exposure, soil and plant types, and type of sprinklers, then adjust your irrigation system or watering schedule based on those zones' specific needs. This helps you avoid overwatering some areas or under-watering others.

Even if your property doesn't have a sprinkler system, there are a number of simple steps you can take to promote a healthier lawn and garden with less water this summer:

### 4. STEP ON IT

Grass doesn't always need water just because it's hot out. Step on the lawn, and if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water. An inexpensive soil moisture sensor can also show the amount of moisture at the plant's roots and discourage overwatering. You can pick one up for free at the District Office. (While supplies last.)

### 5. LEAVE IT LONG

Raise your lawn mower blade. Longer grass promotes deeper root growth, resulting in a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.

***The District Office will be Closed every Friday  
Beginning July 4th***

### HOW TO CONTACT THE DISTRICT

Visit us on the web at [www.rmcsd.com](http://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.***