



A Monthly Newsletter

August 2026

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For August 2026

All Meetings are in Person

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

***Wednesday August 5
Improvements—8 a.m.
Personnel—10 a.m.***

***Wednesday, August 6
Security - 9 a.m.
Communications &
Technology—10 a.m.***

***Thursday, August 24
Special Finance - 10
a.m.***

***SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday
August 26—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.***

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

July 2026

There's still time to apply!

Your Community Needs You: Run for the CSD Board!

This November's election marks a historic turning point for Rancho Murieta. With four Board seats open and a new General Manager and Director of Operations joining us soon, you have a unique opportunity to shape the future of our District. No political experience is required—just a desire to serve your community.

Requirements: Must be a registered voter in Rancho Murieta.

•**Commitment:** One regular Board meeting per month (plus optional committee roles).

•**Filing Dates:** July 13, 2026 – August 7, 2026.

•**Where to Apply:** Get candidate paperwork at the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office, 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento, CA.

Grand Jury Report

The District received a report from the Grand Jury June 24, 2026. Staff and Legal Counsel are preparing our response which is due September 24, 2026. The report can be found here: [Grand Jury Report](#).

Executive Recruitment

The Board has narrowed the field of candidates to two semifinalists and interviews will be conducted July 30, 2026. Depending on the results of the interviews, we are hoping that the Board will select a candidate and they will come onboard soon!

Help with lines at the Gate

Be sure to call in your guests! It is important that you notify the District Security Gate Officers if you expect service personnel or guests at your home in order to avoid delays and traffic congestion. North Gate: 916-354-3742. South Gate: 916-354-3743. You can register guests yourself at www.gateaccess.net. Using www.gateaccess.net you can then send your guests the electronic Fastpass that will get your guests through the gate even faster. The Fastpass is only available at the North Gate.

THE GOOD NEWS

- ***ALL AUDITS ARE ON TRACK TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF DECEMBER!***
- The District's Board of Directors will conduct final interviews for the General Manager position.
- Thank you to Travis Bohannon and his awesome Team for their continued commitment to the Community!
- Security Supervisor Branden Arino, Security Patrol Officer Vitaliy Perepelka, and Gate Officer David Labrado attended an Invasive Species Training to help protect our waters.

JULY 14, 2026 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Discussed Invasive Species Report
- Voted for CSDA Board of Director—Term 2027-2026; Seat C—Sierra Network
- Approved to Amend Adopted FY23 and FY24 Budgets to revise Property Tax Allocation Percentages
- [Click here for audio link](#)

JULY 21, 2026 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Public Hearing to Consider Placing Delinquent Accounts on Tax Rolls of Sacramento County for Collections
- [Click here for audio link](#)

JULY 30, 2026 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- General Manager Finalist Interviews

JULY 2026 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- [Communications & Technology Committee](#) [Click here for audio link](#)
- Received update on Website and Social Media
- Discussed Pipeline, “the Good News”
- Discussed updating District Community Letter
- Discussed Rancho Murieta Resilience Plan

[Special Improvements Committee](#) [Click here for audio link](#)

- Received update on RMCC Club Storm Drain Issues
- Received update on RMCC South #1 Fairway Sinkhole
- Discussed Domenichelli and Associates Task Order Request for Stormwater Quality Standards Preparation RM-064 \$19,092
- Discussed Manganese Flair-Up Causes and Solutions
- Discussed Retrofit Water Treatment Plant 1
- Discussed Update on MEC Culvert Repair

[Security Committee](#) [Click here for audio link](#)

- Received Security report
- Discussed Invasive Species Update
- Discussed RMCS and RMA Security Meetings Update

[Finance Committee](#) [Click here for audio link](#)

- Discussed Audits Update
- Discussed Financials Update—July to May 2026
- Discussed Amending Adopted FY23 and FY24 Budget for Property Tax Allocation Percentages

CUTTING WATER USAGE PUTS MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

Growing plants that are native to our growing zone is one way homeowners can both lower their water bill and enjoy a healthy garden that supports wildlife like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Whether planning a new garden or struggling with a garden that fails to thrive, thrifty homeowners check to determine what species of flowers and foliage are recommended for Sunset Zone 9b, which is our growing zone. This zone is characterized by mild winters and hot, dry summers with low humidity, which describes California’s Central Valley.

A recommended flowering plant that thrives in our growing zone is the cheerful, colorful lantana – a plant with low watering needs other than the first year when its roots are becoming established. Drive around the neighborhood and you will see a palate of colors and hues on the many lantanas our neighbors have chosen to highlight in their gardens.

Lantanas fill many garden needs from low water usage to pollinator habitat, to enhancing your garden with color while cutting water usage and putting more money in your pocketbook.

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BUSINESS HOURS

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

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Rancho Murieta's Fire-Safe Designations May Help Homeowners Save on Insurance

Rancho Murieta continues to demonstrate its commitment to wildfire preparedness by maintaining recognition as both a **Firewise USA® Community** and a **California Fire Risk Reduction Community**. These designations not only reflect the community's dedication to reducing wildfire risk but may also provide financial benefits for homeowners seeking or renewing property insurance.

As California's insurance market continues to face challenges due to increasing wildfire risk, the California Department of Insurance has adopted regulations requiring insurance companies to recognize many wildfire mitigation efforts when determining premiums. These efforts include individual home hardening, defensible space, and community-wide programs such as Firewise USA® and the State's Fire Risk Reduction Community designation.

For Rancho Murieta homeowners, these designations may help demonstrate that the community has taken proactive steps to reduce wildfire hazards. Depending on the insurance carrier and policy, residents may qualify for premium discounts or receive more favorable underwriting consideration. Recent examples from other California communities show that residents have successfully used these community recognitions when working with their insurance providers.

These achievements are the result of ongoing collaboration among residents, volunteers, the Rancho Murieta Association (RMA), the Rancho Murieta Community Services District (CSD), and local fire agencies. Annual vegetation management, defensible space projects, public education, and neighborhood participation all contribute to maintaining these important designations. Homeowners are encouraged to share documentation of Rancho Murieta's fire-safe status with their insurance agents during policy renewals or when shopping for new coverage.

For more information, visit:

California Fire Risk Reduction Community List: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/firerisk-reduction-community-list/>

Rancho Murieta Firewise Community Information: https://engage.goenumerate.com/s/rma/hoapage.php?page=gen_8_2107

By working together, Rancho Murieta continues to make the community safer, more resilient, and better positioned to meet the challenges of living in California's wildland-urban interface.

PET WASTE DISPOSAL

Did you know that pet waste contains bacteria which can be harmful to people and the environment? Pet waste left on lawns, trails, and sidewalks can wash into the storm drain system and into creeks and rivers.

Here are some reminders:

- When walking your dog(s), always carry a plastic bag and pick up after your pet(s).
- Pet waste stations, which provide free plastic bags, are located around the reservoirs for your convenience. Please use them.
- Dispose of pet waste in the trash.
- Never wash pet waste into a storm drain.

We thank you for being a responsible pet owner and helping to keep our waterways clean.

PROTECTING THE BEAUTY OF RANCHO MURIETA

Lakes and Back Areas

With warmer weather here, many people venture out to the lakes/reservoirs and back areas for recreation. As a reminder, Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) rules state that guests and vendors may not be in a park, which includes the back areas, and/or lake/reservoir areas unless the resident they are visiting is with them. Security Officers have found guests in the parks, lake/reservoir areas fishing, boating, and just hanging out in recreation areas without a resident with them. Vendors have also been found taking breaks at the lakes without a resident with them. If the resident is not present, the guest or vendor is in violation of the CC&Rs and a citation could be issued to the resident.

Everyone fishing in Rancho Murieta Reservoirs is required to have a valid fishing license.

These licenses may be purchased at: <https://www.licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales/>

South Beach

The Security Department, and residents of Rancho Murieta take under age drinking and the trespassing and littering of the North and South Beaches very seriously. Bon fires of any size are not allowed in any of the back areas or reservoirs at any time. The Sheriff will be called to assist in violations, so please respect our reservoirs and waterways. The beach at Clementia is open to residents and their guests for their enjoyment every day from sunrise to sunset. Remember, Clementia is the only reservoir where swimming is allowed.

Remember, it is very dangerous to jump from bridges! Please do not do this.

The residents of Rancho Murieta can assist the District in providing security services by helping to be the eyes and ears of the District Security Department. Please call to report suspicious behavior at any time to the South Gate at 916-354-3743. Let's keep our community a safe place to live.

To report a crime or traffic violation please call the Sheriffs Department or California Highway Patrol.



PLEASE BRING YOUR CSD BILL CURRENT IMMEDIATELY!

Thank you to all of the residents who have paid their account in full! The Board held a meeting on July 21, and approved 8 delinquent accounts to be added to the Sacramento County tax rolls. These accounts are all many months past due, and we have been unable to collect. 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.

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.**