



A Monthly Newsletter

September 2021

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For September 2021

Committee Meetings Will Be Held Via ZOOM September 2, 2021

Communication & Technology @ 8:30 a.m.
Security @ 10:00 a.m.

September 3, 2021
Special Improvements @ 9:00 a.m.

September 7, 2021
Personnel CANCELLED
Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting Will Be Held In Person

September 15, 2021
District Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECURITY SUPERVISOR, KELLY BENITEZ

The District’s long search is over! We are pleased to welcome Kelly Benitez as our new Security Supervisor. Kelly has had an extensive career in Law Enforcement.

Kelly began his life-long interest in law enforcement while in high school, learning as a Police Explorer. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and worked as a Security Police Specialist, completing tours in Florida, Portugal and Korea. Upon being discharged from the military, Kelly joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1995, where Kelly held various positions in both patrol and investigations. Kelly retired in 2015 as a Police Sergeant and relocated to the bay area to be close to family.



Since living in the bay area, Kelly has worked as a Police Officer for the City of San Rafael and an investigator with the City of San Francisco. Kelly holds an AA and BS degree in Criminal Justice as well as a master’s degree in Leadership and Management.

WATER SHUTOFF MORATORIUM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30

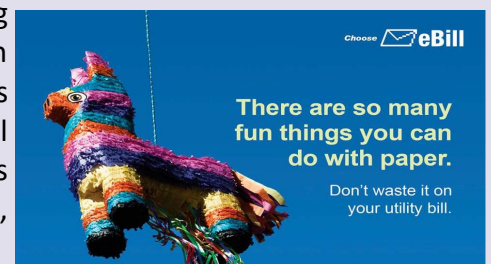
Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-42-20, known as the water shutoff moratorium, prevented public agencies from discontinuing water service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the Governor’s reopening plan, the shutoff moratorium provisions within Executive Order N-42-20 will be lifted September 30. This means we will once again have the ability to shut off water for non-payment.

This is NOT what we want to do! We understand that many in our community may be suffering financial hardship from the COVID-19 emergency. If you are unable to make a payment, please contact the District directly at (916) 354-3700 to arrange a payment plan. Renters can also apply for assistance through Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA) at www.shra.org/sera.

E-BILLING – SAVE PAPER AND REDUCE COSTS

Help the environment and reduce District costs by enrolling in our e-billing service. You can enroll in this service by completing the form at the bottom of your monthly statement or through the District website at <https://www.ranchomurieta.com/sign-up-for-e-billing>.

For each billing statement that is sent by email rather than regular U.S. Postal Service, saves approximately \$0.70 per month; which will help keep your rates down! This savings includes the cost of the paper statement, printing, envelopes and postage.



GM CORNER

Riverview Development

Residents in the South part of the Community have undoubtedly noticed that construction has begun on the Riverview Development by Reynen & Bardis Homes. There will be approximately 140 homes this will be the largest development in Rancho Murieta in 20 years. The Developer has begun grading the area, and will be doing so for about three months. We realize there is some dust, and the District is in contact with the Developer to mitigate the dust with the use of water being sprayed on the dirt in an effort to keep the dust at bay.



Employee Spotlight – Beau Kirby—Utility Worker II

Beau Kirby joined the District in September of 2018 as a Utility Worker II. He has worked with utilities for 15 years, previously with water systems, so this is the first time he has worked with the sewer system, and doing maintenance. He spends his days repairing leaks, and maintaining the system. The biggest change that he has experienced since he started working here is that he got married. If he wasn't working a CSD, he would like to own his own business in fabrication, because he enjoys building things. When he's not working on his truck, he loves fishing for Striper in the local American and Sacramento rivers.

SCHOOL BUS REMINDER

When the **school bus stops** and the flashing **red** lights come on, vehicles must stop and wait behind the bus or facing the bus if the roadway is not divided. Bus drivers are very cautious in seeing that their riders are out of harm's way before moving on.



Development Update

Retreats East & North—We anticipate the developer will begin grading within 60 days.

MG – Legacy Villas & Suites (lot 7) - The sewer system and drainage system have been installed and contractors are working on the water system now. There have been several conflicts with other utility lines that were addressed before they were allowed to proceed. As of July 28, 2021, all conflicts have been resolved. Underground work for water, sewer and drainage should be completed by mid-August. All underground work is now completed, and grading is under way.

Murieta Gardens—Lot 9 Taco Bell—The developer is working with Domenichelli & Associated on plan reviews. We anticipate the next steps to take place before the September Board meeting.

Murieta Gardens—Lot 11 Circle K/Carwash/Subway—This project is underway. We do not have a completion date.

Riverview— Mass grading is scheduled to begin . The developer plans to utilize two fire hydrant meters and two temporary storage ponds for the dust control water supply.

The Residences of Murieta Hills East & West— The developer submitted a developer application packet and deposit to allow for preliminary planning to begin. This step has allowed the developers to formally request the District to consider modifications to the current requirements for the two developments. The developer met with the Improvements Committee on August 5, 2021. At that meeting they presented a Water Balance report for the Committee to consider as justification for waving the requirement to build a recycled water system into the development improvement plans. The plan moved to the Board August 18, 2021, and the Board waived the requirement to build a recycled water system Updates can be found at: <http://www2.agendanet.saccounty.net/BoardOfSupervisors/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=3572&doctype=1>

**Detailed Updates can be found on our website:
<https://www.ranchomurieta.com/development-projects>**

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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
& 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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August 11, 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved the sale of water from Clementia to West Ranch

August 18, 2021 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved Bid from MuniQuip for \$79,450 plus a 15% contingency for a total not to exceed \$91,367.50 for Rio Oso Pump Replacement
- Approved Bid from US Jetting for \$69682.36, plus a 15% contingency for a total not to exceed \$76,650.6 for Sewer Jetter Replacement
- Approved Request from Residences East Development to waive the requirement for mandating the Development to utilize recycled water
- Adopted Policy P2021-07 AED Policy
- Adopted Amended Policy P2021-02 Body Worn Camera Policy

July 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements Committee

- Discussed East and West Dissolved Air Flootation (DAF) System
- Discussed Bid to replace Rio Oso Pump
- Discussed Bid to replace Sewer Jetter
- Discussed Hole 14 Culvert Replacement RFP
- Discussed Residents East and West with Developers Bob Keil and John Sullivan
- Discussed request to sell water from Clementia to West Ranch

Security Committee

- Reviewed Policy 2021-07 AED Policy
- Discussed new Security Supervisor Kelly Benitez
- Discussed current disposition of fire hydrant hit and run

Finance Committee

- Received presentation for ERP vendor selection
- Discussed Procurement Policy
- Discussed Credit Card Policy
- Discussed Collection for Final Bills

Communications & Technology Committee

- Discussed Communication on Voluntary 15% Water Reduction
- Received Update on Reservoir Information and Education Committee

Personnel Committee

- Discussed 2020 Salary Survey
- Discussed Field Operations Organizational Study
- Reviewed potential changes to the Personnel Manual

WATER EFFICIENTLY FOR HEALTHIER PLANTS

Irrigation water running into a gutter or evaporating in the heat of the day does not get into the root zone of your plants. Therefore, adjust irrigation timers to water after sundown and at short intervals to allow irrigated water to set in to your soil. Two to three short watering cycles are far more efficient than one long cycle. Also, it is best to use drip irrigation systems when possible to target irrigation vs spray which may drift away from the area you want to water. Drip system rebates may be found on our website here: <https://www.ranchoMurietaCSD.com/rebates>
Runoff water and drifting spray water may also create other issues like unwanted weeds or pooling areas of water in drainage systems where mosquitos may breed. Also, periodically check your irrigation system to ensure there are no leaks and irrigation heads are directed where you want them.

Water Meter Access

It is important for the District to have access to all meters for data collection and maintenance. Clear access to the box helps to ensure that it can be quickly turned off in an emergency. It is the property owner/tenant's responsibility to maintain clear access around the meter box. If the meter is obstructed or inaccessible, the District will notify the property owner/tenant to either remove the obstruction or clear the area surrounding the meter. See below for examples of accessible meters.

Examples of Accessible Meters



Ways You Can Help With Meter Accessibility

Trees, bushes and plantings

Trim bushes, trees, and grass surrounding the meter. During the growing season, plants can cover a meter box very quickly.

Pets

Keep pets away from the path that leads to the meter. If you have a guard dog for security, please let the District know so that meter readers are aware.

Objects that cover or block meters

Please make sure that no objects cover or block access to the meter box. Items that have been found blocking meters include cars, trailers, construction materials, fences, landscape bark, gravel, and plants.

Locked gates

If the meter is located behind a gate that is normally kept locked, the District will contact you to arrange access to the meter.

WE'RE HIRING!

The District currently has openings for Gate and Patrol Officer, Accounting Manager and Accountant! Please visit our website at <https://www.ranchohurietacsd.com/employment-opportunities> for more information! The District is a great place to work, with great benefits, a positive team work environment, flexible schedules, and right around the corner from where you live!

The District Office Will Be Closed Monday, September 6 In Honor of Labor Day

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.*