



A Monthly Newsletter

October 2020

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For October 2020

October 1, 2020
Communication & Technology @ 8:30 a.m.
Security @ 10:00 a.m.

October 2, 2020
Date Change
Special Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

October 6, 2020
Personnel **CANCELLED**
Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.

October 21, 2020
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

BE SURE TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

LAGUNA JOAQUIN

Laguna Joaquin is the large body of water in the North portion of the gated community. With increased concerns raised by a petition of residents surrounding it, District staff is continuing the efforts to abate Midge Flies and has conducted 8 treatments so far this season and are scheduling two additional treatments. Staff is also working with RMA to have them run their fountains continuously to help with dissolved oxygen levels that have been dropping due to lack of available fresh water and increased temperatures to keep the game fish in there from dying.

In an effort to seek additional solutions the District met again with Sac/Yolo Vector control and discussed ideas with them. They suggested:

- Adding large lights away from the houses to attract insects.
- Treating every two weeks with the liquid product Vectobac 12 AS for midge fly control
- Removing game fish and add mosquito fish
- Adding more fountains
- Digging the basin deeper
- Dredging the basin
- Filtering the water
- Raising the water level
- Using Aqua Shade water dye
- Replacing the sport fish with mosquito fish

So far the District has taken the following actions to combat the long term issues:

- Increased the number of midge fly treatments to the basin to kill Midge Flies
- Added light traps provided by the Vector Control District to attract and kill insects
- Created a Request For Proposals to hire an Environmental Consulting Firm to evaluate the issues surrounding Laguna Joaquin and provide solutions, including proposed costs, to deal with the issues there.
- Ordered bat boxes and attractant to provide a natural predator of flying insects that can eat up to a 1,000 mosquitos or midges per day.

For continuing updates on Laguna Joaquin, check out our website at www.rmcsd.com!



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - RMCS D OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC—ALL REGULAR SERVICES CONTINUE AS USUAL

The Rancho Murieta Community Services District Buildings are CLOSED to the public until further notice due to COVID-19 best practices. SERVICES, including WATER, SEWER, DRAINAGE, AND SECURITY will continue as usual. SOLID WASTE (Cal-Waste) will continue its TRASH and GREEN WASTE/RECYCLING pick up schedule as usual, and they have resumed Curbside BULKY WASTE Collection. Payments can be made online or in our drop box located at the front door. We are operating as usual; however the public will not be permitted in the gatehouses.

The office closure is subject to County Health Directives and it's possible we may reopen on a limited basis if allowed. Go to RMCS D.Com or call to check to see if office is open.

GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

Fall Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Improvements

As the days are getting shorter, the nights cooler, evaporation is a lot less than in the heat of summer, and landscaping requires far less irrigation. Reducing your irrigation times helps prevent runoff and wasted water. Fall is also the time of year for District staff to inspect and perform maintenance on the drainage ditches. Our network of irrigation ditches are designed to direct water away from homes and into detention basins. These ditches must be dry this time of year to allow our staff access for inspections and maintenance before the winter rains return. This is why it is so essential to reduce irrigation and allow these areas to dry completely. If you need assistance with cutting back your water consumption or with identifying how you can help to transition your irrigation practices, please contact the District office at 916-354-3700 for guidance. Your help is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the Fall and Winter.

Speaking of drainage, Laguna Joaquin is the community's primary drainage & storm runoff detention basin. Street and open space runoff drain into Laguna Joaquin through a series of drainage ditches and channels. Ultimately the runoff reaches the Cosumnes River via channels through the commercial area and behind the equestrian center. RMA uses Laguna Joaquin to irrigate common areas around the townhouses and street medians. Guadalupe Lake, located off Fuente de Paz, is another of the community's drainage lakes. This lake serves as a detention basin for the upper areas of Unit 4. "Lost Lake" on the south is another of the community's detention basins.

One more thing. Street and lawn runoff carries nutrients (lawn fertilizers, mainly phosphorous) that increase algae growth. During the hot spells in the summer, temperatures in the lakes reach a critical point where algae blooms explode, and Midge Flies flourish. Cooler temperatures in the fall cause the algae to die off and lessen the Midge Fly problem. Fresher storm runoff also tends to increase water quality.

SEPTEMBER 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Adopted new check signing requirements—now only checks over \$10,000 require Board Member signature—January 2021, this will be increased to \$25,000
- Adopted Res R2020-06—approving Encroachment Agreement with Murieta Marketplace, LLC
- Approved Contract with Richardson & Co. for Auditing Services
- Removed Resolution to Initiate Foreclosure Proceedings relating to Mello-Roos CFD No. 2014-1
- Adopted Ordinance O2020-03 Amending Sewer Code
- Discussed Security Department Revenue, Funding, and Service Options

SEPTEMBER 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Communications & Technology

- Tom Hennig, discussed CSD's continuing efforts working with RMA to reduce theft and vandalism including Targeted Enforcement and Hot Spot Patrolling
- Employees will be receiving badges

Security Committee

- Chief Werblun is out on Personal Leave
- Cameras are being added to the entrance of Murieta Village
- The Video Release Policy is being prepared
- Staff is working on a system to review Body Camera Videos
- Tom Hennig is working with Kevin Hubred, General Manager of RMA, to overcome Golf Cart Issues

Improvements Committee

- The Wooden Bridge Conveyance was discussed as the title report came back. Staff is continuing the conveyance

Finance Committee

- Tom Hennig discussed the RMCC and Rancho Murieta Properties Tax Appeal, stating the District never overcharged for special taxes
- Options to decrease the Security budget were discussed including reduction of staff. Meetings with stakeholders are planned

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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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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Rancho Murieta North—The developer reports that they have a consultant working on incorporating traffic comments from the County and the applicant.

MG – Lot 11 (Circle K Gas Station/carwash) - The project provided a revised plan set back on August 21, 2020, in response to Coastland’s review and has provided requested deposit funding. We have received deposit funds.

Riverview— Coastland has provided review comments back to the project on their first submittal of project documents on August 10, 2020. A sewer study was submitted later and is currently under review by Coastland.

Murieta Gardens Infrastructure – Tom Hennig met several times with District staff, Coastland Engineering, and the Developer to determine how to close this project.

Legacy Villa’s & Suites project – Met with Developer at Coastland Engineering to identify any opportunities for moving the project forward.

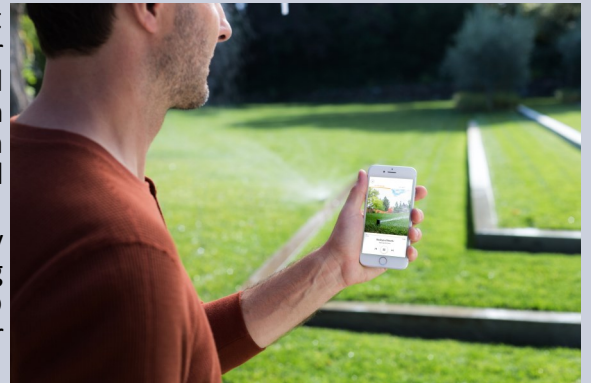
Detailed Updates can be found on our website: <https://www.ranchomurietacsd.com/development-projects>



ADJUST SPRINKLERS

During Fall, an important adjustment to make is to your outdoor watering schedule. Lawns and landscapes need less water with the cooler temperatures. Autumn outdoor water adjustments should include the following:

- Adjust irrigation timers to gradually reduce outdoor watering frequency – reset your timers to water two (2) days or less per week.
- When manually watering, do not water more than two (2) days per week. Use a timer to help you remember when to turn off the water.
- Be sure to turn off irrigation system when it is raining.
- Or install a Smart Controller to manage your watering system. Rancho Murieta has teamed up with Be Water Smart to offer an Instant Rebate Program Available for Weather-Based "Smart" Sprinkler Controllers
- Local water providers are offering a special rebate on the Rachio 3 Smart Controller, lowering the price to \$74.99, a savings of \$150. The Rachio 3 uses local weather data to precisely control how long your sprinklers run. You can also monitor the controller from your smart phone with the Rachio app.



Find out more information at: <https://bewatersmart.info/new-instant-rebate-program-available-for-weather-based-smart-sprinkler-controllers/>

LIVING IN A PRIVATE COMMUNITY

This section of the PIPELINE is new and a chance for RMCS D to present information about the Rancho Murieta community that affects you daily. We will be presenting different topics that we hope you will find interesting and helpful. This month's topic comes under the heading of **Security**.

- The Wikipedia definition of a private gated or ungated community is: **a residential community that can be an association or a proprietary organization whose streets are private property**. Resources and amenities are financed by payments from its members thru an HOA (Home Owners Association).
- Rancho Murieta as an unincorporated community receives additional necessary services thru a local governmental organization called the Rancho Murieta Community Services District. This agency provides the community with water, sewer, drainage and waste management.
- In Rancho Murieta the District also provides **Security**. We are one of a very few districts in California to do so.

How is Rancho Murieta governed?

- Federal and State Laws- as with all communities, cities and towns, Rancho Murieta is subject to all Federal and State laws. Living in a private community does not mean you are exempt from any of these Laws.
- Laws are actually rules and guidelines made by government officials, enforced by police officers, agents and judges. Breaking the law is a punishable crime and can have drastic consequences. Breaking rules in Rancho Murieta also has consequences.
- CC&R's – Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. These are the rules and laws that govern behavior in the community.

Rules and laws in any community are guidelines for people living together. They are there for safety, to promote harmony among the residents and to assure security for all. In Rancho Murieta there are consequences for not following the CC&R's.

- Rancho Murieta Security is responsible for providing enforcement and education to the community as it relates to our CC&R's. When a problem or situation beyond their authority occurs the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department is called.

As a responsible Resident of the community it is important to everyone to know and live by the rules.

If you are unsure or have questions about any Rules or Laws in Rancho Murieta please go to:

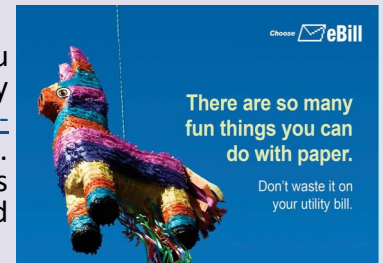
- RMA- www.rma.nabrnetwork.com
- RMCS D-www.rmcsd.com

Also, ask a question or leave a comment at: info@rmcsd.com

Rule of the month: Drive 25 unless otherwise posted; remember to come to a full and complete stop at a stop sign.

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.ranchomurietacs d.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.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US RECYCLE RIGHT, RANCHO MURIETA!

When you place the right items in the right cart, it keeps them out of the landfill and protects our environment. Prior to discarding of your recyclables in your Big Blue Recycling cart, please make sure to rinse your Glass, Plastic, and Metals. Also, please make sure your Paper and Cardboard are clean and free of grease, liquids or food debris.

Do not recycle food soiled items like greasy bags and pizza boxes, dirty napkins, and food waste. In addition to those items, plastic bags, plastic wrap, and Styrofoam must be placed in your Trash carts. If there are items that you are having trouble with, you can search them in the Waste Wizard of our FREE and easy to use app, "Cal-Waste Recycles Right" Download it now in the App Store or Google Play; or use the free widget on our website www.cal-waste.com.

Together, we're making a difference for our community!



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.*