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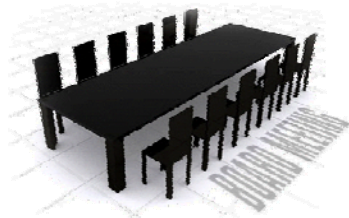
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A Monthly Newsletter

MAY IS NATIONAL.....

Water Awareness Month
 Skin Cancer Awareness Month
 Bike Month
 Older Americans Month

District Meeting Schedule



For May 2014

Security 9:30 a.m.
 April 24, 2014

Improvements 8:30 a.m.
 May 1, 2014

Communication &
 Technology 9:00 a.m.
 May 2, 2014

Personnel 9:00 a.m.
 May 7, 2014

Finance 10:00 a.m.
 May 7, 2014

District Board Meeting
5:00 p.m.
May 21, 2014

MAY IS WATER AWARENESS MONTH

Water Awareness Month is an effort by organizations throughout California to heighten public awareness about the conservation, supply, quality, and distribution of water.

Summer months are upon us and consumers use more water for outdoor plants and lawns as the weather warms up. The California Department of Water Resources recently reported that the California snowpack measurement is less than normal and may result in water cutbacks to farms and other entities. Californians need to be aware of how much water they use this summer to help save our water now! That means paying attention to your outdoor watering practices and doing simple things like using a broom to clean driveways and patios instead of a hose. If you absolutely have to use a hose, make sure it has an automatic shutoff nozzle.

FREE CONSERVATION HANDOUTS

- Shower timer - to limit water use
- Irrigation Drip measuring tool - to properly adjust drip flows
- Rain Gauge - to gauge irrigation need
- Sprinkler adjusting screwdrivers - to properly adjust spray or flow
- Water saving shower heads - saves water by restricting flow
- Toilet leak detection dye tablets - tests toilet flapper if leaking
- Moisture Meters - to determine if soil really needs irrigation or not
- Kneeling pads - to work on your irrigation

REBATES AVAILABLE

To assist in conservation, the District is offering several rebates. Information is available at the District office and its website www.rmcsd.com.

High Efficiency Toilets	High efficiency Clothes Washer
Pressure reducing valve	Hot water recirculator
Rotator Sprinkler Head	Drip System
Weather Based Controller	

WATER WISE AUDITS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

EARN YOUR BLUE THUMB

Take the pledge to use water more efficiently and a chance to win prizes. Visit our website to learn how to take the **Blue Thumb** pledge.

Visit us at www.rmcsd.com for more information on Water Awareness month as well as information on rebates, conservation kits and water wise house calls.



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BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULED

The fiscal year for the District begins July 1; the rate hearing is scheduled for the May Board meeting. Directors and staff have been reviewing data and have capped the projected increase for residential customers at 8.35 percent. The rate could be reduced during these hearings, but not increased. Notices to customers regarding the rate increase were mailed on April 4th, in compliance with Proposition 218. The proposed rate hike would increase the average bill \$13.59 per month, from approximately \$163 to \$177.

This projected worst case budget incorporates the 2014-15 fiscal expense impacts of the Stage 2 – Water Warning drought declaration into the Water operating expenses; thereby incorporating the impact in the proposed rate increase. This impact is estimated at approximately \$130,000 and accounts for approximately 6.5% of the total Water rate increase. This portion of the rate increase will be eliminated in the subsequent budget year. Since the District has reduced the drought stage to a Stage 1 – Water Alert, the budget projection will be revised to reflect the lower rate of conservation which will reduce the projected increase by approximately 1%.

The proposed budget includes establishing a Security reserve of \$41,000 for replacement of capital assets. In addition, the amount proposed to be collected for the District's share of the Water Treatment Plant expansion is increasing \$1.75 per month (total amount per resident per month of \$6.00).

The District recognizes the consequences of aging infrastructure requiring repair and/or replacement. Insuring that ratepayers receive reliable, resourceful services is the number one goal of the District.

ELECTIONS

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District and are a registered voter within the District, you may obtain the paperwork from the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office at 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento. The filing period is July 14, 2014 through August 8, 2014.

APRIL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

-  Approved Contract for District Legal Counsel Services
-  Considered Action on Personal Injury/Property Damage Claim
-  Received Drought Update
-  Public Hearing - Tiered Pricing Rates
-  Public Hearing - Groundwater Well Mitigated Negative Declaration
-  Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project Update
-  Adopted District Investment Policy
-  Approved Chesbro Reservoir Drain Valve Replacement
-  Augmentation Well Telemetry Design Proposal

THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 26, 2014 FOR MEMORIAL DAY.