



A Monthly Newsletter

February 2023

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For January 2023

Committee Meetings Will Be Held in Person

February 7, 2023

Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.

Finance—Canceled

February 9, 2023

Special Communication & Technology @ 8:30 a.m.

Special Security @ 10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting Will Be Held In Person

February 15, 2023

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

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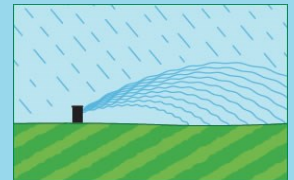
INTEGRATED WATER MASTER PLAN (IWMP)

The Rancho Murieta Community Services District is about to embark on an important project, the Integrated Master Water Plan.

The board is committed to keeping the Community informed on this process. We are trying to get information to the Community as soon as possible and we will inform you as soon as we have more information available. We are planning community outreach education and will keep you updated.

Once the draft is completed, we will schedule a meeting to update the residents and answer any questions. Please look to the Pipeline and the Website for more information.

REMINDER: During the rainy season, turn off your sprinklers and irrigation system or install a rain sensor to automatically shut off your irrigation system and eliminate unnecessary watering.



WELCOME DIRECTOR BOOTH

We are pleased to welcome Stephen Booth as our newest Director! Mr. Booth recently retired from a career working in or affiliated with public sector agencies and labor unions at the state and local level, including an appointment by former Governor Brown. He was appointed last Summer by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the Sacramento County Civil Service Commission. Mr. Booth is an advocate for public agency transparency and open exchange of information with the community. He is familiar with the protocols for governance of public agencies; public meeting requirements; the nuances of funding of public entities; state and federal statutes regarding employment, discrimination, equal employment and access, statutory leaves, conflict of interest and management of public records; human resources best practices; and labor-management relations. During his full-time career, Mr. Booth worked with employees and managers in law enforcement, fire service, highway maintenance and construction, medical care, corrections, water treatment, trades, administration and public transit. He currently works on a part-time basis as an Arbitrator hearing and resolving labor-management disputes. Mr. Booth and his wife have lived in Rancho Murieta for a combined 12 years. He will serve on the Finance and Communications & Technology Committees.



NEW YEAR'S EVE STORM

On January 30th a storm had begun that would create historical peak flooding conditions by 10:00 a.m. the morning of New Year's Eve at 16.83 feet (67,800 cfs). This is the highest level recorded at Michigan Bar in readily available from 2007 to current, roughly 1.7 feet higher than the peak event in 2017 (15.11 ft, 48,800 cfs).

On Saturday December 31, 2022, operations staff responded to calls from increased flooding around the Rancho Murieta. Along with numerous drainage items, crews responded to issues related to infiltration overwhelming Lift Station 6B, Main Lift North, and Main Lift South storm pumps. Through the combined efforts of seven utility and operations staff, five Security staff, District Electrical Contractor, two Pumping Contractors, and a local resident, the District did not experience a sewage spill and all storm pumps were maintained in operation for the duration of the storm.

There were reports of Murieta Village and Storage flooding. This was an unfortunate situation attributed to the extraordinarily high river level causing the gravity storm water section flows to back up into the system.

The Granlees forebay was filled with sand/silt and the CIA ditch was eroded and filled with sand along several sections of its alignment. This section of the Cosumnes was completely inundated. A majority of the sand was recently removed from the forebay and the District will be meeting with other CIA representatives to discuss repair schedules for the reestablishment of the ditch service.

Security

Security staff played a role in keeping the gates manned and continued communications through the South Gate. One officer, on his day off risked entry to Rancho Murieta through flooded roads in his 4x4 to ensure staff was relieved. Another three gate and patrol officers worked extended periods and a forth gate officer came in on their day off to ensure that the gates stayed open. Some of the patrol officers that made it into Rancho Murieta sustained some damage to their personal vehicles.

Response Team

District staff responded the morning of the 31st and worked into the night and the following day and the 2nd. On the 31st, employees were not able to leave the area due to road closures until the next day after some of the flooding receded.

The following Operations/Utility employees responded:

- Travis Bohannon
- Ron Greenfield
- James Colas
- Mario Moreno
- Heather Pedro
- Ed McMurray
- Ryan Wenker

The following Security employees went above and beyond the call of duty:

- Mel Outram
- Vitaliy Perepelka
- Karen Hessler
- Dave Labrado
- Paul Anderson

The following contractors responded:

- Prodigy Electric
- EDCO Pumping
- ABC Plumbing

Prognosis

District staff and contractors responded to the multiple issues bravely and competently. District staff and District infrastructure held the line and completely avoided spilling sewage. Some of the storm water flooding issues were unavoidable given the magnitude of the storm.

Other future pump station challenges will be alleviated with the District's current and continued investment in infrastructure. The District is currently in the process of directing the rehabilitation and improvement of six sewage lift stations and improving back-up power for two of those stations. In the coming weeks the District will investigate the other wet weather challenges such as main lift north and main lift south. In addition, the District is currently embarking on a safety design for the Granlees intake. That in addition to safety improvements, may help to reduce the impact on the intake structure from being taken out of service due to silting/sanding.

The current and future infrastructure improvements and rehabilitation along with the knowledgeable and diligent staff will position the District well in responding to future record emergency storm conditions.

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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday—Closed

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JANUARY 18, 2023 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Recognized Staff for their efforts during the New Year’s Eve storm
- Approved five Task Orders with District Engineer Domenichelli & Associates
- Received updates on contracting emergencies for Lake 11 and Rio Oso
- Adopted Resolution R2023-01 Honoring Richard Shanahan for his 8 years of service as Legal Counsel to the District
- Adopted Resolution R2023-02 appropriating funds for repairs to the Safety Center
- Received update from GM Transition Ad Hoc Committee
- Introduced Ordinance O2023-01 updating District Code Chapters 14, 15, 16, 21 and 31 regarding Refunds and Collections
- Introduced Ordinance O2023-02 updating Chapter 3 Conflict of Interest Code

JANUARY 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements Committee

- Discussed memo to Adkins/Maddaus regarding Integrated Water Master Plan
- Discussed Engineer Task Order Status and moved to 1/18/2023 Board Meeting

Security Committee

- Received monthly updates
- Discussed Safety Center Repair Bid and moved to 1/18/2023 Board Meeting

Finance Committee

- Welcomed Director Stephen Booth to the Committee
- Discussed Refunds/Collections Ordinance
- Received update from PUN Group

Communications & Technology Committee

- Welcomed Director Stephen Booth to the Committee
- Discussed Monthly Website and Facebook posts
- Discussed Communications with the Community

Development Update

Riverview: Concrete and paving are completed. Contractors are now raising iron and setting meter boxes. The contractor has hydro seeded the site and upgraded its SWPPP plans.

Retreats: Water meter and services have been installed in the two model homes per contractor’s request. The contractor has installed all the water meter boxes. Street lighting and street signs installation is ongoing. Our district inspectors are working with their SWPPP contractors to ensure all project grounds are secure and contained. A punch list has been created and reviewed with contractors and is currently in the process of being completed.

Circle K/Shell: Gas station concrete slab and awning are built. The contractor is working on getting their fire service installation approved by the Fire Marshall. The contractor is continuing construction on the Circle K building.

Murieta Gardens Lot 2 (Tractor Supply): Contractor has completed most all main structures including patio walkways and driveways. The contractor had water meter installed by the district and is getting ready for some final inspections.

Murieta Gardens Pet Hospital (Lot 12): Contractor had started to break ground for grading until the storms hit the area. No other work has been done.

CHANGES TO CURBSIDE WASTE SERVICES

As part of our continued partnership with the Community of Rancho Murieta, Cal-Waste wants to share some information regarding solid waste with your community.

We are approximately one month into the updated curbside collection program to be compliant with California Senate Bill 1383. Food waste and food soiled paper, such as napkins and paper towels, must now be thrown away in the Gray Cart along with yard waste. The Gray Yard Waste Cart is now considered the Gray Organics Recycling Cart.

Any plastic, metal, and glass are not accepted in the Gray Cart. Please keep in mind that there are plastic items, such as cups or utensils, marked as bio-degradable or compostable and they are NOT accepted in the Gray Cart. These plastic items are not widely regulated for their accuracy of labeling, and they break down over a much longer timeline than yard waste and food waste. All plastic bags should go in the Brown Trash Cart. Gray Carts are serviced every week on the same day as Brown Carts.

Later this spring, Cal-Waste will be providing new carts to the residences of Rancho Murieta CSD. Please continue to use the brown trash cart, green recycling cart, and gray organic waste cart at this time. We will provide more information regarding the change to the new carts very soon.

For more information about recycling organic waste by collecting food waste and food soiled paper, please visit Cal-Waste.com/Rancho-Murieta/. To use the Waste Wizard tool to look up proper disposal of household items and to set collection day reminders, please download the FREE Cal-Waste Recycles Right Mobile App, available on all mobile devices. Also, comprehensive waste

collection information can be found at Cal-Waste.com. Cal-Waste Customer Service is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at (916) 354-4154 or at CustomerService@Cal-Waste.com.

CAL-WASTE RECOVERY SYSTEMS

ACCEPTABLE AND NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

<p>RECYCLING CART</p>   <p>Paper, Cardboard, Glass, Plastics (♻️), Aluminum & Metal</p>	 <p>❌</p>
<p>ORGANICS CART</p>   <p>Lawn and Garden Trimmings, Leaves, Food Scraps & Food Soiled Paper</p>	 <p>❌</p>
<p>TRASH CART</p>   <p>Plastic Bags, Plastic Film, StyroFoam, Wax-lined Paper & Non-recyclable Materials</p>	 <p>❌</p>

**The District Office will be closed Monday,
February 20th in observance of President's 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.*