



A Monthly Newsletter

August 2020

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For August 2020

August 4 , 2020

Personnel 7:30 a.m.

Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.

Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

August 6, 2020

Communication & Technology @ 8:30 a.m.

Security @ 10:00 a.m.

August 19, 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

PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY IN CHESBRO RESERVOIR IS PROTECTING YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Chesbro Reservoir resides on the east side of the North community. It is the primary source of water for the Water treatment plants to produce drinking water for our community. Protecting it and its treatment systems is critical to supplying safe and aesthetically pleasing drinking water. The treatment system that exists in the reservoir is the aeration station on the east bank of the reservoir and its weighted air lines that feed air diffusers that are situated around the water plant’s intake. Aerating the water is a simple non-chemical method to oxidize the water to precipitate iron and manganese out of solution so that it may be filtered in the treatment process. If iron and manganese are present and they are not oxidized out of a dissolved state from solution, they may pass through the treatment process. This was the case last year with the incident of yellow colored water due to manganese because of the damaged aeration systems.



Working to ensure we do not have future issues we have worked to protect the aeration system after it was discovered that fishing hooks and an anchor had damaged the aeration lines and diffusers. This work included replacing damaged lines and diffusers, adding additional lines and diffusers for redundancy, routing them through protective piping on the shoreline, installing fencing around the station and the lines, and the installation of buoys around the area where the aeration system resides. Material costs to do this total over \$15 thousand dollars with staff labor over \$4 thousand dollars.

Despite this work, and outreach in our Board and Committee packets and previous Pipeline this past April, it was discovered that the buoy system was cut requiring staff time and materials to fix it again. To prevent this from happening again we are installing CCTV systems to catch and prosecute anyone who chooses to vandalize any of our water systems. We also ask that anyone who sees suspicious activities around this area and any other facilities to call Security at 916-354-3743.

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 not accepting cash payments at this time. For questions - please call 916-354-3700. The Security Department is operating as usual; however the public will not be permitted in the gatehouses.

We are here to help! If you are unable to make a payment, please contact the District directly at (916) 354-3700 to arrange a payment plan, which will reduce or defer monthly payments to residents impacted by the current COVID-19 situation.

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

District Safety

As the events concerning COVID-19 continue to unfold, the District is continuing to take measures to ensure the health and safety of its employees, and the community that we serve. We have had two Operations workers test positive for the virus, and they home recovering. All other staff who may have been exposed have been sent for testing. While the District Offices remain closed to the public, our employees are continuing to provide necessary services; Water, Sewer, and Security. We are taking the following measures now to ensure the safety of employees:

Training Employees on:

Policies to reduce the spread of COVID-19

General hygiene

Symptoms and what to do if sick

Cleaning and disinfection

Cloth face covers/masks

Social distancing

Use of PPE (personal protective equipment)

Safe work practices

District Development

Developers continue to move projects forward within the District. Below are a few highlights of recent development progress. An up to date list of all development projects can be found on the District website at <https://www.ranchomurieta.com/development-projects>.

FAA Business Park: The foundations and underground utilities are in place and the developer has begun pouring slabs, and erecting buildings. The project is anticipated to be completed late this summer.

Riverview: The plans are being reviewed by Coastland Civil Engineering, Inc. before they go the Sacramento County for final review. The developer hopes to complete grading work on the project prior to the rainy season in Rancho Murieta.

District Security

With so many residents still at home due to the pandemic, the Security Department has been working to maintain order in the wake of restless youths in the Community. A collaborative effort is in the works with RMCSd, RMA and the Country Club to coordinate Security efforts. The District is in the process of securing a firm to perform an evaluation of Security Services and reach a resolution regarding the funding of the Security Department.

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.ranchomurieta.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.

JULY 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved Coastland Civil Engineering, Inc. Contract Amendment

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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.

NOTICE OF DISTRICT ELECTION
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, or on their website at <https://elections.saccounty.net/CampaignServices/Pages/Election-Documents.aspx> . The filing period is July 13, 2020 through August 7, 2020.

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GET NOTIFIED OF EMERGENCIES IN THE AREA
Keeping you and your family safe is important. And knowing what is going on in the world around you is critical to maintaining that safety. Residents of Rancho Murieta have two ways to receive alerts about Emergencies in the Community.
It is recommended that Residents sign up for both systems to receive emergency notifications.

CodeRED For Rancho Murieta Emergencies:
You can receive alerts for emergencies like:

- Public Safety and Security
- Active Shooter
- Evacuation Instructions
- Terrorist Attack Response
- Fire/Flood/Natural Disasters
- At-Risk Missing Person
- Boil Water Notices

This is a service that is managed by RMCSd, and alerts are only issued for ACTUAL EMERGENCIES. To sign up, download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app today: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/E0A618CC265A>

Sacramento Alert For Sacramento County Emergencies
These are alerts that are managed by Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services. Residents are encouraged to register with Sacramento Alert (Reverse 911) at www.sacramento-alert.org. This service is operated by the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services (Sac. OES) in partnership with the Yolo and Placer County Emergency Services.



It's time to clean out the garage, organize every corner of your house, start that renovation project, do those cleanup projects around your house and everything in between. Cal-Waste has Roll Off Bins available in sizes ranging from 10 to 40 cubic yards for all of your projects big and small during this time of self-quarantine.

Rent yours today by contacting us via email customerservice@cal-waste.com or phone (209)369-6997 or (916)354-4154.

If you just have a few large items, schedule your complimentary Large Item Pick Up with our free and easy to use app, "Cal-Waste Recycles Right". What is a Large Item Pick Up? It is for items such as furniture and household appliances and they will be picked up by our Team. We will also collect Universal Waste such as televisions. Guidelines for what is acceptable and what isn't can be found on our website, www.cal-waste.com.

We hope you are doing your part to stay healthy and safe. Cal-Waste is mindful that the well-being of our community comes first.

THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

There have been some questions as to what the role of the District's Security Department is in Rancho Murieta. The authority and functions of District Security Officers are like those provided by private security firms.

Exemptions from Private Security Services Act

District Security Officers are exempt from licensing requirements, as they are employees of a political subdivision of the State. However, the District requires its Security Officers to be licensed for training purposes and because Patrol Officers are required to carry a firearm.

Our Patrol Officers are additionally certified by the Calif Dept of Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.)

Primary Function

The primary function of District Security Officers is to protect persons and property through the prevention of criminal conduct by being visible in the community.

Where prevention of criminal conduct is not possible, the function of the Security Officer is to observe and report to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department (SSD) and/or California Highway Patrol (CHP).

District Security Officers Are Not Peace Officers

Peace Officers are defined by statute.

District Security Officers are not classified under any category of law enforcement or as quasi-law enforcement officers.

Contracted Off-duty Deputies sometimes augment the District security force.

Authority to Make Arrests

The authority of District Security Officers to make an arrest is the same as private citizen making a citizen's arrest.

After a District Security Officer makes an arrest, the Security Officer must turn the person who has been arrested over to the SSD/CHP without delay.

If a person resists arrest, the Security Officer is allowed, but not required, to use reasonable force to subdue the person.

Detention

Except in limited situations, a District Security Officer does not have the authority to detain a person without affecting an arrest.

Weapons Search

When a District Security Officer has reason to believe that a person has a weapon and intends to harm him/herself or another person, the District Security Officer is entitled to search a suspect for a weapon while making an arrest, if the Security Officer has reason to believe he or she is in physical danger.

Citation Authority

District Security Officers have the authority to issue misdemeanor citations for violation of state law and county ordinances if the violation occurs on RMCS D owned property and in the presence of the Security Officer issuing the citation.

District Security Officers have the authority to issue citations for violations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) of homeowner associations within the District.

** Of the 320 Community Services Districts in California, Rancho Murieta is the only one that operates an in-house security service. Four (4) other Community Services Districts provide security services through a contract with a private security company.*

Driving in Rancho Murieta

*Please remember: RMA rules state that every driver, including your guests, operating a motor vehicle, including golf carts and low-speed vehicles, within Rancho Murieta, **shall possess a valid driver's license** and obey the rules of the road such as speed limits and stop signs. Violations may result in fines. Overloaded golf carts or unsafe usage, such as towing skateboarders, are also subject to fines. Keep your cars and doors locked. Unlocked doors/vehicles allow thieves the opportunity to rifle through your car, golf carts, and other belongings.*

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.

Gas powered engines/boats are not allowed on Rancho Murieta lakes/reservoirs. Additionally, boats must have either a one (1) day pass or a season boating pass. Boating passes can be obtained from RMA. Guests are allowed to bring their boat into the community as long as they have a resident with them, and both the guest and resident go to RMA to receive a day boating pass. **Residents are required to get a seasonal boating pass from RMA. Please note that everyone fishing in Rancho Murieta Reservoirs is required to have a valid fishing license.**

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.*