



**A Monthly Newsletter**

**May 2023**

**Serving the Community**

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

**District Meeting Schedule For May 2023**

**Committee Meetings Will Be Held in Person**

**May 2, 2023**

Personnel @ 7:30 a.m.  
Improvements @ 8:00  
Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

**May 4, 2023**

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

**Board Meetings Will Be Held In Person**

**Regular Board Meeting RESCHEDULED from May 17, 2023 TO June 7, 2023 @ 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](http://www.rmcsd.com) for any changes

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## Water and Wastewater Operations Rate Increase Breakdown

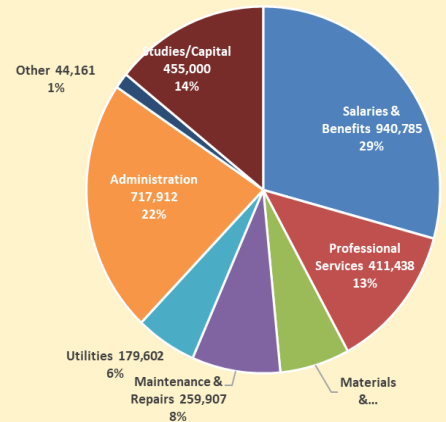
### Water Operations

Water expenses of \$2.7M in FY23 are estimated to increase by \$500,000 in FY24 to fund inflationary increases and critical studies for the Water utility

- Water/Wastewater employee realignment reduces Water operating expenses in FY24

Water rate increases— expected to be \$308,000— will be used to fund the CIP/5-year rate study for Water and to complete the Water Master Plan

Water Expenses FY24 Needs

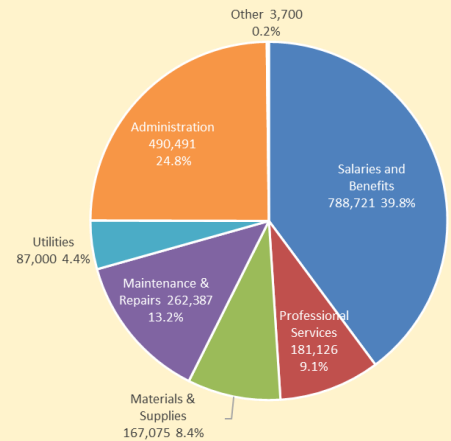


### Wastewater Operations

The Wastewater expenses of \$1.86M in FY23 will increase by \$129,000 in FY24 to fund inflationary and staff realignment expenses. Additionally, the FY23 property tax subsidy of \$159,651 is assumed to be removed in FY24

Wastewater rate increases— expected to be \$289,000— will be used to fund operating cost increases and elimination of property tax subsidy

Wastewater Expenses FY24 Needs



## FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULED

The 2023-2024 fiscal year for the District begins July 1, 2023. The budget, including Capital Projects and the proposed service charge increases is scheduled for the District's June 7, 2023 Regular meeting of the Board of Directors (rescheduled from May 17, 2023).

Directors and staff have been reviewing data and have capped the projected increase for residential customers to 13% outside of the gates, and 11% behind the gates. The rate could be reduced during these hearings, but not increased. Notices to customers regarding the rate increase were mailed on April 17, 2023 in compliance with Proposition 218. The proposed rate hike would increase the average residential bill \$21.54 outside of the gates and \$23.85 behind the gates per month.

You can protest the rate increase. Protests must be submitted in writing. Written letters of protest must be received at the District prior to the close of the June 7, 2023 public hearing. Email protest letters will not be accepted. Protests must contain your name and a description of the property in which you are the owner of record or tenant (customer of record). A street address and/or the assessor's parcel number are sufficient descriptions. Send your comments to Rancho Murieta Community Services District, C/O Director of Administration, P.O. Box 1050, Rancho Murieta, California 95683 or call (916) 354-3700.

## 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.

Changes have been made to curbside collection as of January 1, 2023, to be compliant with California Senate Bill 1383 by way of Organic Waste recycling taking the place of Yard and Garden Waste. Now, food waste and food soiled paper must be collected and disposed of with other organic waste (previously referred to as Yard and Garden Waste).

The bill also requires that all collection programs across the state follow a standardized color-coded system. The requirements of the color-coded system are as follows:

- All **TRASH** receptacles must be gray or **BLACK**.
- All **RECYCLING** receptacles must be **BLUE**.
- All **ORGANIC WASTE** receptacles must be **GREEN**.

This new color-coded system is to help people practice consistent waste sorting habits regardless of where they may be in the state.

Cal-Waste will be providing new carts to the residents of Rancho Murieta CSD during the weeks of May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and June 12<sup>th</sup>. **Carts will be removed on the day of the week that they are regularly serviced by Cal-Waste collection trucks** (e.g., a resident living at 123 Test Street has Cal-Waste service every Tuesday, so their individual carts will be replaced on Tuesdays as shown below). **Please see the schedule below to see how the three different types of carts will be replaced over three weeks.**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>:** *OLD green recycling carts* will be removed on your service day and replaced with a **NEW BLUE Recycling cart**.

**June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup>:** *OLD black organic waste carts* will be removed on your service day and replaced with a **NEW GREEN Organic Waste cart**.

**June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>:** *OLD brown trash carts* will be removed on your service day and replaced with a **NEW BLACK trash cart**.

**For more information, please visit [Cal-Waste.com/Rancho-Murieta/](http://Cal-Waste.com/Rancho-Murieta/). 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](mailto:CustomerService@Cal-Waste.com).**

	RECYCLING	ORGANIC WASTE	TRASH
<i>Old Cart Colors</i>			
<b>New Cart Colors REQUIRED BY STATE</b>			
<b>WHEN</b>	Week of May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Week of June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Week of June 13 <sup>th</sup>

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### BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday

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

*Friday—Closed*

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### April 19, 2023 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The Board named the GM Transition Ad Hoc Committee members, and MRG Recruiting as the negotiators for the new General Manager’s contract
- Received update from GM Transition Ad Hoc Committee
- Approved Resolution R2023-07 which authorizes the District to apply for Cal-Recycle Grants
- Voted to discontinue the contract with Staples Construction for repairs to the Safety Center after discovering more damage than initially thought and instructed Staff to look into options for replacement

### April 12, 2023 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Rescheduled May 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting to June 7, 2023

### April 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Improvements Committee

- CANCELED

#### Security Committee

- Received monthly updates
- Received Update on the Safety Center
- Discussed Hiring Part Time in Lieu of Full Time
- Upgrades to the Front Office for Staff Safety will be added as a CIP Project

#### Finance Committee

- Discussed Prop 218

#### Communications & Technology Committee

- Discussed upgrades to the Pipeline
- Reviewed the Integrated Water Master Plan

### RESERVOIR LEVELS

The Batter Boards have been added to the Reservoirs. This will allow Staff to continue to fill them two more feet, thereby increasing the amount of storage in the Reservoirs. This also makes the percent full seem as if it is less than last month, but they were all at 100% when the Batter Boards were added. As of April 26, 2023 the Reservoirs levels are:

- Calero at Spillway 99.9% Full — Calero at Boards 91.2% Full
- Chesbro at Spillway 101.7% Full—Chesbro at Boards 93.7% Full
- Clementia at Spillway 101.7% Full—Clementia at Boards 88.1% Full

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT—Beverly Sutliff —Utility Billing

Beverly Sutliff joined the District on March 27, 2023 as a temporary Accounting Technician, Utility Billing. We were pleased to welcome her as a regular employee on May 1, 2023. Beverly spends her time at the District processing the utility bills, and helping customers with their accounts. If she wasn’t working at the District she would be the Captain of her own sailboat. In her spare time, Beverly loves to visit all of the beaches in Northern California, walking her Corgi and attending Corgi Con in San Francisco! Welcome Beverly!!



## BE CAREFUL THIS SPRING/SUMMER!

The weather is beautiful, and there are many opportunities to enjoy the fabulous parks and recreational facilities in our Community, but please be mindful of dangers that can ruin your fun!

1. **SNAKES**—this is the time of year when rattlesnakes are becoming active. Avoid thick brush when hiking. Work outside and hike during the coolest part of the day. Stick to the trail.
2. **FIREWORKS**— fireworks can be very dangerous! If you have some, please save them for the 4th of July!
3. **PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES-**
  - A. Create a 100 foot defensible space around home
  - B. Use ember-resistant building materials to protect your home
  - C. Create your own emergency supply kit
  - D. Create your family communication and evacuation plans
4. **BE WATER SAFE—**
  - A. Always swim in a safe place
  - B. Always have a sober adult with you
  - C. Watch for hidden debris, rapid currents and slippery rocks
  - D. If some else is in trouble, call 911

**HAVE A GREAT SEASON!!**

## REBATES

To assist in conservation, the District is offering several rebates and free conservation handouts; information is available at the District office and our website <https://www.ranchomurieta.com/rebates>.

- **Toilet Rebate**: You can receive a rebate of up to \$100 when you purchase and install a water efficient toilet.
- **Water Pressure Reducing Valve**: You can receive a rebate of up to \$100 when you purchase and install a water pressure reducing valve.
- **Weather-Based Sprinkler Controller**: You can receive a rebate of up to \$100 when you purchase and install a weather-based sprinkler controller.
- **Rotator Head Sprinkler**: You can receive a rebate of up to \$50 when you purchase and install a rotator head sprinkler system.
- **Drip System**: You can receive a rebate of up to \$50 when you purchase and install a drip system.
- **Hot Water Recirculation Pump Rebate**: You can receive up to a \$100 rebate when you purchase and install a Comfort System UP 15-10 S17P TLC Hot Water Circulation System or equivalent.

## HOW TO CONTACT THE DISTRICT

Visit us on the web at [www.rmcsd.com](http://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.*