



**A Monthly Newsletter**

**September 2020**

**Serving the Community**

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

**District Meeting Schedule For September 2020**

**September 1, 2020**

Personnel 7:30 a.m.

Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.

Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

**September 3, 2020**

Communication & Technology @ 8:30 a.m.

Security @ 10:00 a.m.

**September 16, 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](http://www.rmcsd.com) for any changes*

**UPDATE—GET NOTIFIED OF EMERGENCIES IN THE AREA**

We apologize for any confusion last month’s article may have caused.

Two different emergency alert systems are available in our community. *The District recommends that residents sign up for both systems.*

**Sacramento Alert for area-wide emergencies**

This system will notify residents of area-wide emergencies that are critical and time-sensitive such as evacuations of neighborhoods, fires, levee failures, flooding, severe weather, disasters, unexpected road closures, and missing persons. The Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services (SacOES), in partnership with Yolo and Placer County emergency agencies, manages a state-of-the-art emergency alert system known as *Sacramento Alert*. Sacramento Alert sends rapid alerts to landline phones through "reverse 911" technology and to residents who have signed up through the Citizen Opt-In portal with their optimal contact information. This can include phone numbers as well as email addresses and TTY device information.

**Sign up here:** [www.Sacramento-Alert.org](http://www.Sacramento-Alert.org)

**CodeRED for emergencies inside the Rancho Murieta**

The District also subscribes to **CodeRED** to inform residents about emergencies in Rancho Murieta on both sides of the highway. District staff can use this system to send alerts for at-risk missing persons, drinking water problems and other emergencies inside the district.

**Sign up here** by downloading the CodeRED Mobile Alert app today: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/E0A618CC265A>

**AUGUST 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Martin Pohll was appointed as a new Board Member
- Martin Pohll was appointed to the Improvements Committee
- Adopted Resolution R2020-05 Authorizing Placing Delinquent Accounts on Sacramento County Tax Rolls for Collection
- Introduced Ordinance O2020-03 Amending Sewer Code

**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. 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](http://RMCS D.Com) or call to check to see if office is open.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

### District Development

Rancho Murieta is growing! We are pleased to continue to welcome and encourage development in Community! I am using this month's General Manager's Corner to introduce a new monthly feature of the Pipeline "Development Update". The map shown highlights the current and future development projects in green. The best way to get up to date information about all of the developments happening in the community is on our website at: <https://www.ranchomurieta.com/development-projects>

here you will find links to the Sacramento County Planning Department's website, and detailed information. Below is a brief description of what is happening with each. **Murieta Gardens:**

There are many projects within the developments planned at Murieta Gardens. First is Murieta Marketplace. This is the site where the new Bel Air is located. There are plans for multiple commercial structures, including a Starbucks.

**Lot 10, PDF Office.** The project has been approved by District Engineers and is on hold waiting for signatures and fees.

**Lot 11, Circle K Convenience/Car Wash/ Subway.** This project is waiting on comments from the developer. This project is to develop a gas station/minimart and carwash on the east side of Oakville Lane off of Highway 16.

**The Murieta Gardens I & II—Infrastructure.** This portion of the project is for the installation of a storm drain.

**The Murieta Gardens Highway 16 Off-Site Improvements.** This project is to pipe the Cosumnes Irrigation Association ditch in a 42-inch pipe, create new drainage along Highway 16, and to improve Highway 16 with an ingress and egress from the Murieta Gardens development onto Highway 16 on Lot 13.

**FAA Business Park:** The project is to build three business buildings off of Cantova Lane. It is an approximately 21,800 square foot multi-tenant office warehouse complex, consisting of units ranging in size from 1,200 square feet to 5,600 square feet.

**Riverview:** This project is a planned development of 140 residential lots on 57.35 acres located in the south community. They are in the final planning stages and hope to have grading completed before the rainy season.

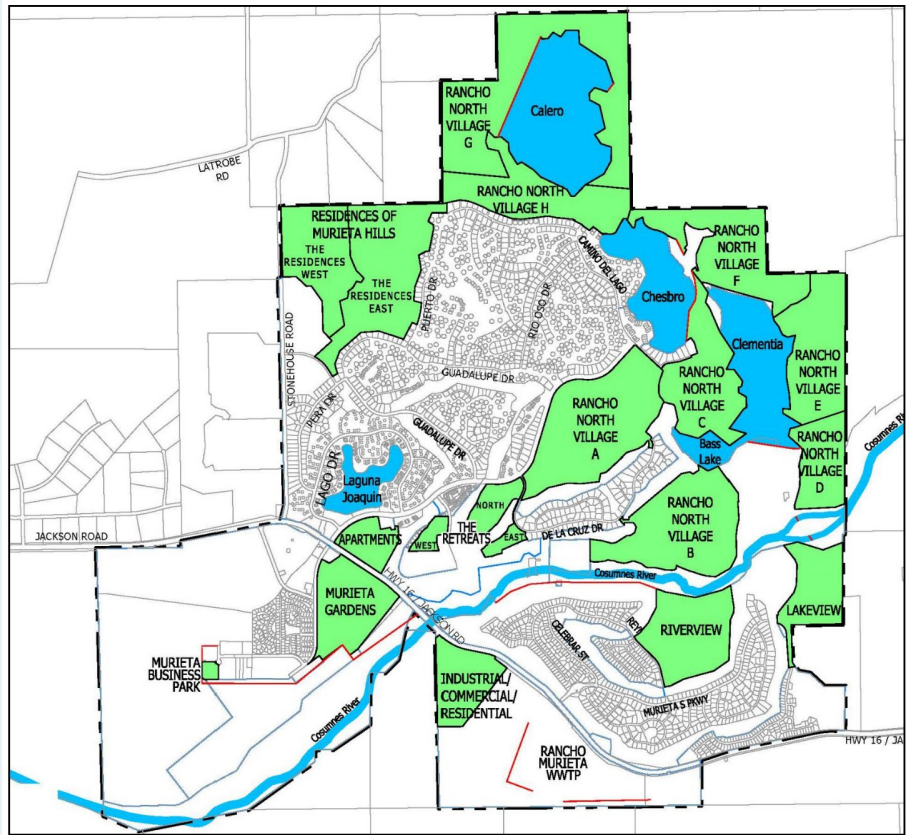
**The Retreats East and North:** This planned development is for medium to low density residential homes. Per the last submitted plans the North portion had 52 lots and the East portion had 10 lots, shown below. The tentative map extension is being worked on.

**Rancho Murieta North – Development Project.** The properties are located on approximately 772.2 acres in the north portion of the community. The project currently consists of 827 single-family residential lots of medium to low density residential homes within 297.1 acres, with each project subdivided into various villages as generally shown in 2017 exhibit below, 435.3 acres of open space, and 39.8 acres of commercial.

**Lakeview.** This was a planned development for 99 single-family residential lots, one park site lot, and five open space/drainage easement/water quality basin lots in Murieta South on 40.4 acres. There is currently no activity for this project.

**The Residences of Murieta Hills East.** This was a planned development for 99 residential lots. The properties are located on approximately 86.2 acres in the north portion of the community. The project revision proposed by MRK Development is to reduce the lots from 99 to 5.

**Residences of Murieta Hills West.** This was a planned development for 99 single family residential lots, four open space lots, and one television Tower lot. There is currently no activity for this project.



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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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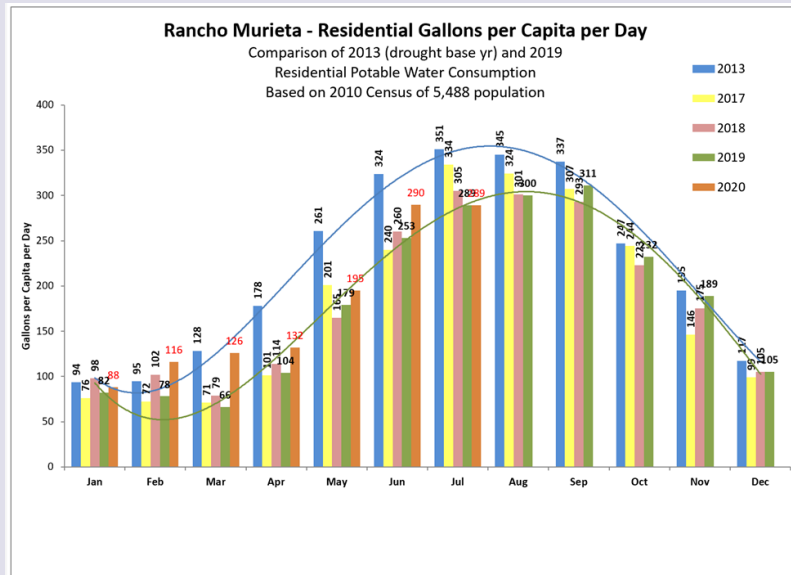
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**RMCS D WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS**

In 2011, the District adopted Policy 2011-06 to comply with the requirements of Senate Bill X7-7 (SB7) enacted in November 2009 by California lawmakers, requiring urban water suppliers throughout the State of California to decrease per capita urban potable water use by ten percent (10%) by December 31, 2015 and by twenty percent (20%) by December 31, 2020. This was in a effort to save available water supply and in anticipation of becoming an urban water supplier once the number of District water connections reached 3,000. Our 20 by 2020 goal is to meet a gallon per capita per day of 238.5 (gpcd). Our base line water use year was 2013 (drought base year). In July 2020, gallons of water used per capita per day were 289 vs 351 in 2013, a 17.7% decrease in use in the base comparison year of 2013 as shown in the updated graph below.



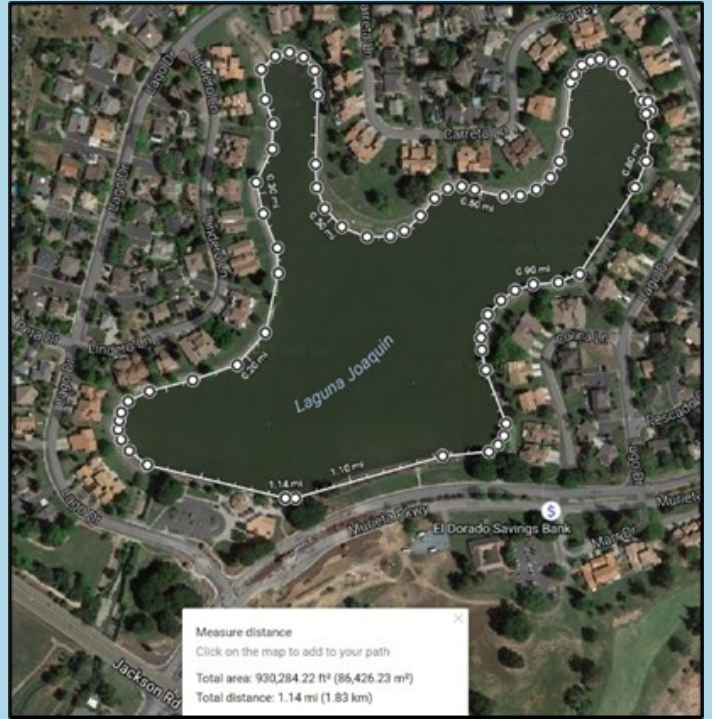
We are very close to reaching our goal. The district has several rebates available to help you purchase water saving devices, which will help reduce your water usage. Please visit our website at: <https://www.ranchomurieta.com/rebates> for more



**Properly Dispose of Your Single-Use Medical Masks and Gloves!**  
Wearing a medical mask or face covering is a requirement in order to keep our communities healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Wearing gloves has become common practice for many people, too. If you wear a single-use medical mask or gloves, please make sure to dispose of them properly in order to ensure the safety of our employees.  
**Soiled single-use medical masks and gloves must be placed in your Trash cart.**  
To learn how to properly dispose of other waste commonly associated with the global pandemic, please download our Free & Easy To Use App "Cal-Waste Recycles Right". It is available in both the Google Play Store and Apple App Store today.  
Thank you for continuing to keep our communities healthy and safe!

## LAGUNA JOAQUIN MIDGE FLIES AND WATER QUALITY

At RMCS D we are actively implementing and pursuing solutions to improve conditions in the Laguna Joaquin basin related to water quality and midge flies. That includes funding additional midge fly treatments beyond the 4 that are budgeted for, having completed the 5<sup>th</sup> treatment August 20, with 3 more to follow. We are also looking in to coordination with the other entities that are involved. Those other entities are the Rancho Murieta Association (RMA), Murieta Townhome Inc., and the Cosumnes Irrigation Association (CIA). The primary one is the CIA. For approximately 40 plus years the District would route available water from the Cosumnes River into the CIA ditch, into Laguna Joaquin and back out to the Anderson Ranch. This practice typically allowed Laguna Joaquin to remain full and the water to cycle through it and remain relatively fresh. This practice changed around 2016 as the controlling 2/3 interest in the CIA were adamant that the District no longer continue this practice as they were leasing ranchland for possible organic farming and had a concern with the water quality out of Laguna Joaquin. As waters stagnate in Laguna Joaquin, it warms up considerably creating ideal conditions for algal growths and midge flies, and dissolved oxygen levels drop impacting fish health. The District General Manager is working with the CIA Group to develop options for overall improvements in the management of the Laguna Joaquin.



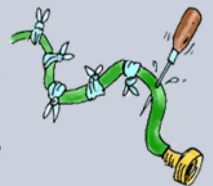
More information may be found in the August Improvements Committee packet with updates scheduled for following Improvements Committee as well. More information can be found here: <https://www.ranchomurietacsd.com/2020-committee-meetings>

## CHECKED YOUR HOSES LATELY?

It's a good idea to invest a few minutes in maintaining your personal water system—your water heater and the pipes that deliver water to your appliances—by taking these easy steps annually.

Flexible hoses connect your sink, toilet, washing machine and dishwasher to household water pipes. Many of these hoses are made of rubber or have rubber components, and over time all rubber plumbing components will deteriorate. Check them to make sure the material is in good shape.

Also, always check the hose connections for leaks and use Teflon tape to create a tight seal. Many leaks occur without warning, but one sign to watch for is greasy-textured black flakes when you run the hot water. That is an indicator of a deteriorating rubber hose. When you replace flexible hoses, opt for flex tubing or high quality rubber tubing labeled "chlorine resistant" for the longest life.



**The District Office Will Be Closed Monday, September 7 In Honor of Labor Day**

## 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.*