



PIPELINE

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A Monthly Newsletter

FUN FACTS AND TIPS

Washing dark clothes in cold water saves water and energy, and helps clothes retain their color.



**meetings &
events**

For May 2015

Communication @ 4:00 p.m.
May 6, 2015

Personnel @ 4:30 p.m.
May 6, 2015

Improvements @ 8:30 a.m.
May 8, 2015

Finance @ 9:30 a.m.
May 8, 2015

Security @ 10:30 a.m.
May 8, 2015

District Board Meeting
5:00 p.m.
May 20, 2015

***The public is invited
to attend.***

2015-2016 BUDGET HEARING

The fiscal year for the District begins July 1; the rate hearing is scheduled for the May 20, 2015 Board meeting. Directors and staff have been reviewing data and have capped the projected increase for residential customers at 3.63 percent.



The proposed rate hike would increase the average bill about \$6.00 per month, from approximately \$167 to \$173. See the Proposition 218 Notice for more detailed information.

MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION

On April 1, 2015, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order mandating a statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water use. In response to the Executive Order, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) recently issued draft emergency regulations that address three (3) different categories of regulation: urban water suppliers, small water suppliers, and additional prohibitions and end-user requirements. Rancho Murieta Community Services District (District) is a small water supplier and must follow that category of regulations when adopted.

Currently, the SWRCB draft emergency regulations require small water suppliers to either limit outdoor irrigation to no more than two (2) days per week or implement other mandatory conservation measures intended to achieve a 25% reduction in water consumption. In addition, small water suppliers will be subject to a new reporting requirement to report either total potable water production by month for June through November 2015 and by month for June through November 2013; or confirm by report the limitation of outdoor irrigation to two (2) days per week. The District has been on a mandatory restriction of two (2) days per week for outdoor irrigation since September 2014, placing the District in compliance with SWRCB regulations.

The Governor's Executive Order also requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to lead a statewide initiative, in partnership with local agencies, to collectively replace 50 million square feet of lawns and ornamental turf with drought tolerant landscapes. The District is watching for information from DWR on "cash for grass" rebate programs and other grant opportunities to assist Rancho Murieta residents in meeting the mandated conservation targets.



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WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

The project is continuing. Completed work includes: removal of the remainder of the old 12" raw water line and installation of a new 18" line; forming of the effluent pump station and effluent pumps will be installed this week; installation of the effluent discharge line, installation of 16" membrane filtrate line, completion of the generator, neutralization, and plate settler concrete pads, installation of electrical conduits to and in each pad, and installation of decking supports.



At this point, there have been no further issues causing the project schedule to extend. Contractors have been working from sunup to sundown keeping recent work on schedule. KG Walters submitted a no cost change order to request a schedule extension due to delay associated with actual date of contract award and the delay in shut down of Plant #1 until mid-September.

An onsite meeting was held with the GE Water representative who will be supplying the temporary filtration system, TESCO/Bockman Woody Electrical, and Roebbelen to discuss what is needed for making the temporary filtration system operational. No major issues were discovered and it seems to be fairly straight forward to put in operation. All necessary information for the permitting of the temporary filtration has been submitted to the Department of Drinking Water (DDW). Now they need to review it and issue us a temporary permit for operation. The temporary filtration will be placed into operation and will start to provide potable water in mid-May.

APRIL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Received 2014 Solid Waste Diversion Report from Cal-Waste
- ✚ Ratified Extension of Medical Leave of District Employee
- ✚ Adopted Resolution 2015-04, Employer Paid PERS Contribution (represented)
- ✚ Adopted Resolution 2015-05, Employer Paid PERS Contribution (non-represented)
- ✚ Adopted Resolution 2015-03, Accepting Easements Rights Related to the Retreats West Project
- ✚ Received Drought Update
- ✚ Received Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project Update

The District Administration Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 for Memorial Day.

