



A Monthly Newsletter

June 2024

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For June 2024

All Meetings Will Be Held in Person

June 6, 2024
9:00 — Communications
11:00 a.m.— Improvements

Regular Board Meeting
June 5, 2024
@ 4:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Check our website, www.rmcsd.com for any changes

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

June 2024

Dear Rancho Murieta Residents –

I want to revisit the topic of how—with emails and texts- the District can easily, quickly and unobtrusively communicate with everyone in the District. We currently have emails for only a small number of customers/residents. Of those, several emails are no longer valid and bounce back. Similarly, we have landlines for most, but not all residents, and we have very few cell phones.

My sister sent an email last week notifying me and our other sister and our mom that she and her husband were ending their landline phone service and shifting entirely to cell phones. As I had only recently memorized her 10-digit number (after over 30 years!), I was disappointed, but understood. My landline is primarily a source of joy for telemarketers, but I have not been able to convince my husband that it is time to end that service.

Change can be hard, but email and cell phone services offer many advantages for quick and unobtrusive communication through text messages, voice mail messages and emails. These communication methods are also mobile – you can receive the message even if you are out on the golf course!

The District also currently pays over \$3,000 per year for a service called CodeRed that is intended to notify everyone of emergency issues. It is voluntary to sign up so only about one-third of Rancho Murieta Residents have signed up.

If the District had all customers’ emails and cell phones, we could easily communicate directly and help keep everyone informed and aware. We would not abuse that capability and overwhelm you with messages.

Please consider updating your contact information today by emailing pio@rmcsd.com, or calling 916.354.3700, or just stopping in and asking the front desk staff to update your contact information so we can reach you if we need to.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message.

Mimi Morris
General Manager

SUMMER BBQS AND PICNICS: TOP TIPS FOR ECO-FRIENDLY AND SAFE WASTE DISPOSAL

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.

Did you know that almost half of the trash in the United States comes from food and food packaging? Even if you are generally good at recycling and composting, backyard barbecues can still create a lot of waste, like left-over food, disposable utensils, and used charcoal. While we cannot help you cook your burgers to perfection, we can give you some helpful tips for disposing of your waste correctly.

To make everything work smoothly, keep things simple. Set out recycling and compost bins with clear labels. Also, let everyone know what should not go in each bin. For instance, greasy paper plates should not go in the recycling bin as they can contaminate other recyclables.

When you are stuck using single-use disposable items, like when you're cooking outside or have a bunch of people over, make smart choices. Avoid plastic and pick unbleached paper plates labeled as "PLA" or "compostable." Be careful with paper plates coated in wax or plastic—they cannot be recycled or composted. Once plates have food on them, they cannot be recycled.

While we enjoy grilling burgers and the smell of barbecue, it is easy to overlook the potential hazards posed by certain barbecue essentials. Propane and butane tanks, whether full, partially full, or empty, should be taken to a hazardous waste collection site. These practices help maintain a clean and safe environment for summer gatherings.

As always, you can call our customer service department with any questions that require more details at **(916) 354-4154**.

MICHAEL FRITSCHI, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS IS RETIRING!

He started with us in 2021, and has added to the operational well-being of the District. We wish him the best in the future!

MAY 15, 2024 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Received Integrated Water Master Plan Update
- Received 20-Year Infrastructure Report from Lumos and Associates
- Conducted Public Hearings and Tallied Protests for Wastewater, Water and Sewer Rate Increases
- Introduced Ordinance O2024-01 Increasing Wastewater, Water and Solid Waste Rate Increases
- Reviewed FY24-25 Proposed Budget and Introduced Resolution R2024-04 to Approve Proposed Budget
- Approved Resolution R2024-05 Authorizing the Transfer of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) from Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT)
- Approved Transfer Of Wooden Bridge to Rancho Murieta Association
- Approved MOU With OE3 for 2024-2026

MAY 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements Committee

- Discussed Rio Oso Communications
- Discussed SB170 Projects
- Discussed Wooden Bridge Transfer to Rancho Murieta Association
- Received Lumos and Associates Infrastructure Report

Communications Committee

- Received Update on Website and Social Media
- Discussed Tentative Integrated Water Master Plan Meeting Schedule

Finance Committee

- Received Financial Report
- Discussed Draft Budgets

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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

Every year, Independence Day celebrations across the country include the fiery, colorful displays and explosive pops of consumer-grade fireworks. Consumer fireworks are as common as cookouts during America's birthday. Unfortunately, their use still results in numerous fires and bodily injuries every year. Follow these safety tips when using fireworks.

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and they may pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Young children suffer injuries from sparklers, which burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees. That is hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person or animal.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- After fireworks have finished burning, douse the fireworks with plenty of water with a bucket or hose before throwing them in the trash.

DON'T FORGET THE SAFETY OF PETS!

- If fireworks are being used near your home, put your pet in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to the sound.
- Make sure your pet has an identification tag, in case your pet runs off during a fireworks display.
- Never shoot fireworks of any kind (consumer fireworks, sparklers, fountains, etc.) near pets.

***We will be closed July 4th
In Observance of The 4th of July***



HOW MUCH WATER DOES MY LAWN REALLY NEED?

Several factors influence irrigation timing, including the lawn's root zone characteristics, soil type, slope, spray nozzle type, yard size, and irrigation design. To determine the optimal watering duration, start with your usual run time and aim for two goals: saturating the plant's root zone and preventing runoff. Here's how to achieve this:

1. **Initial Run:** Water your lawn as you would during peak summer heat.
2. **Check Moisture:** After watering, wait 10-15 minutes, then use a trowel to remove a grass plug and check soil moisture depth, matching it to the root zone depth (usually under 2.5 inches). Repeat as necessary to determine the total required watering time. Or drop by the District Office and pick up a free moisture meter (while supplies last).
3. **Adjust to Prevent Runoff:** If runoff occurs before the set time (e.g., 20 minutes of watering needed, but runoff starts at 10 minutes), implement a "cycle and soak" approach. Set your timer for 10 minutes, pause for 30-60 minutes, then water for the remaining time.

SPRING TIME IS MOSQUITO TIME

We have all looked forward to those pleasant evenings when we can enjoy backyard and park activities, barbecuing, and socializing with friends and family. Unfortunately, some uninvited visitors also enjoy those pleasant evenings – those pesky mosquitoes.

Now is the time to be sure the mosquito breeding areas are minimized: ensure there is no standing water, such as in bird baths or fountains, empty flower pots or containers, and ditches or other low spots which hold water where mosquitoes can breed.

It is still early in the season for the mosquitoes (which can carry the West Nile Virus) to attack, but as the weather warms, they will be looking for dining sites, preferably on warm blooded mammals. Be prepared by eliminating breeding sites, using repellent, and wearing long sleeves and long pants during the early morning and evening hours when mosquitoes are most active.



SUMMER IS COMING, SO IS JULY 4TH USE THE FASTPASS SYSTEM FOR YOUR GUESTS

We have had huge success with the electronic FastPass program at the North Gate. Thank you to the residents that used this new system.

We want to remind everyone that the FastPass system is a full-time system and is able to be used all year. Please use it. The check-in process for your guests is a couple of seconds versus 30-45 seconds the regular way. We encourage all residents to use this new system all the time for their guests, and especially during major holidays when Rancho Murieta experiences more gate traffic than normal.

A reminder though, this system is only at the North Gate for Northside residents. It is not available on the South at this time. Please sign up for an account on www.gateaccess.net, either the desktop or mobile version. From there you will be able to send your guests the FastPass.

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 15, 2024 through August 14, 2024.

The 2023 Consumer Confidence Report is available at:

<https://www.ranchomurietacsd.com/files/f0bdcd59b/2023+consumer+confidence+report.pdf>

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.*