RANCHO MURIETA February 2015



# **PIPELINE**

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A Monthly Newsletter

#### FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL....

American Heart Month

Time Management Month

Jobs in Golf Month

Library Lovers Month

# **District Meeting Schedule**



# For February 2015

Communications & Technology @ 4:00 p.m. February 4, 2015

Personnel 4:30 p.m. February 4, 2015

Security 8:30 a.m. February 6, 2015

Finance 9:00 a.m. February 6, 2015

Improvements 10:00 a.m. February 6, 2015

Joint Security T.B.A.

Parks Committee T.B.A.

5:00 p.m. February 18, 2015

#### IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

With the approval of Measure J & K in 1998, the SECURITY & DRAINAGE charges on your CSD bill are Taxes. Consequently, the amount a **property owner** pays for these charges may be deductible. If you itemize your deductions on IRS Form 1040, Schedule A, you may deduct the aggregate sum paid for the SECURITY & DRAINAGE Taxes during 2014.

In order to determine the amount that is deductible, use the **WORKSHEET** available on the District's website at <a href="https://www.rmcsd.com">www.rmcsd.com</a> or the form included in this billing statement.

We believe this information will assist you in preparing your 2014 tax return.

### **DROUGHT - CONSERVATION UPDATE**

Water treatment plant production for December was down 19.9% vs. the past five (5) year average and 28.7% vs. December of last year. We received 7.09" of rain in December. Long term forecasting from the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center continues to show that the drought remains but will improve in our region. From the San Francisco Chronicle regarding 2014, "California not only sweated through its hottest year on record in 2014, but obliterated the previous mark by nearly 2 degrees while experiencing firsthand some of the worst fears of a warming planet — from intensified drought to melting snowpack. The state's average temperature last year was 61.5 degrees, more than 4 degrees above the average."

# WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Site trade contractors continued to work through the rain and holidays, with time off for Christmas Day and New Years Day. Work completed includes: receiving GE mechanical equipment including filtrate pumps and back pulse pumps; installation of sections of fencing along south side of drying beds; delivery and



installation of water control gates; completion of concrete pads for bulk chemical tanks; demolition and saw cutting concrete openings at flash mixing to flocculation area; setting rebar, forms and piping at new membrane basins; laying conduit and pull boxes for various power supplies; inspections by SMUD, and delivery and setting of new SMUD transformer.

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#### MASTER RECLAMATION PERMIT APPROVED

The Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and Master Reclamation Permit were approved by the Regional Board on December 4, 2014. With this Permit, the District becomes the sole controlling agency responsible for recycled water use within the District and approved use areas with oversight by the Regional Board and Environmental Protection Agency. The District is no longer required to monitor groundwater; an annual cost savings of approximately \$20,000. Due to the current and future development, more homes and/or businesses will be connected to our sewer system which means more wastewater will be processed. This permit allows the District to dispose of the recycled water without having to receive prior authorization from the Regional Board. The District will be developing policies and procedures regarding this process along with the billing rates for recycled water use.

## CFD #2014-1 BOND UPDATE

The bonds related to the Water Treatment Plant #1 Expansion Project ("Project"), which provides funding for the Cosumnes River Land/Rancho Murieta Properties portion of the Project, were successfully sold with coupon rates between 2.5% and 4.75% on January 21, 2015. The bonds will close on January 29, 2015 and the District will have immediate access to the developer's contribution of \$4,358,245 to the cost of the Project.

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The District will be holding their 2015-2016 Budget Workshop on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 starting at 4:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

# JANUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Received Presentation on the Master Reclamation Permit
- Approved District Appointment of District Treasurer
- ♣ Adopted Policy 2015-02, District Eye Protection Policy
- Adopted Policy 2015-03, Use of Personal Electronic Communication Devices During District Meetings
- Adopted Resolution 2015-01 Accepting Easement Rights Related to the Retreats Project
- Ratification of Quitclaim Deed
- Adopted Resolution 2015-02 Adopting Policies and Guidelines Regarding Post-Issuance Compliance with Federal Disclosure and Tax Requirements Applicable to Tax-Exempt Bonds
- Approved HardieBacker Siding for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project Alternative #1

The District Administration Office Will be closed Monday, February 16, 2015 for Presidents' Day