RANCHO MURIETA July 2019



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COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A Monthly Newsletter

DID YOU KNOW?

Ground water contamination is nearly always the result of human activity.



District Meeting Schedule FOR JULY 2019

July 2, 2019

Personnel @ 7:30 a.m.

Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.

July 11, 2019

Communication & Technology @ 9:00 a.m.

Security @ 10:00 a.m.

July 17, 2019

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) for any changes.

NEW FISCAL YEAR

The Board adopted the 2019-2020 Budget in June after conducting the annual Budget Hearing at the May Board of Directors Meeting. The proposed service charge increases, and Special Tax adjustments were adopted at the June 19, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting and are effective with the July 25, 2019 billing statement. The average monthly increase for a residential metered lot is \$9.54 or 5.41%. The primary drivers for the increase include:

- Additional chemicals for Midge Fly control and Water treatment
- Liability & Workers Comp insurance increases
- Negotiated wage increase
- Solid Waste contract cost.
- Improvements to Security and Gate operations
- Funding for University of the Pacific Co-Op Intern program
- SMUD rate increase
- Technology and statement billing improvements
- Legal costs for water rights
- Increases in fee and permits for the three dams supplying District water



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 and gaskets are in good shape.

Also, always check the piping connections for leaks and use proper sealants 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.

Visit our website for more information: www.ranchomurietacsd.com.



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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 Our Pets!

- **Do not** bring your pets to a fireworks display, even small 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.

JUNE 2019 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Adopted Resolution R2019-05 Honor Thomas Coyle
- ✓ Adopted Ordinance O2019-01 Adopting the Proposed Service Charge Increases and Special Tax Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- ✓ Adopted Resolution R2019-04 Adopting FY 2019-20 Budget
- ✓ Received the 2019 Solid Waste Diversion Report
- ✓ Approved CalWaste Annual Contract Amendment
- ✓ Approved Payment of Invoice from Commercial Pump & Mechanical for Recycled Water Supply System
- ✓ Introduced Ordinance O2019-02 adding Section 7.04 to District Code Chapter 17 Recycled Water Code

THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 4, 2018 FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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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

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Fax: (916) 354-2082

Contact the South Gate for after-hours water problems.

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.

District Observed Holidays

New Year's Day (January 1)

President's Day (3rd Monday in February)

Memorial Day (last Monday in May)

Fourth of July

Labor Day (1st Monday in September)

Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November)

Day after Thanksgiving

Christmas Day (December 25th)

GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

Recycled Water – Purple Pipe

You might have noticed a pipeline project crossing Highway 16 over the past month. This project was sponsored by the District to help expand its network of recycled water transmission lines.

Your first question might be, "What is recycled water?"

Recycled water, also known as reclaimed water, is wastewater that is highly treated (tertiary treatment) and disinfected and returned to the Rancho Murieta community for non-potable beneficial uses like irrigation.

The District maintains a "zero discharge" wastewater permit, meaning that unlike a number of California localities adjacent to rivers, none of the District's wastewater may be discharged into the Cosumnes River. In 1988, the District entered into an agreement with the Rancho Murieta Country Club (RMCC) to supply the club with recycled water at no cost. The benefit to the District is that the agreement maintains a reliable place to beneficially discharge its wastewater that is converted to recycled water. Most years, the Country Club has been able to accept all the recycled water the District can produce.

The additional recycled water infrastructure you see currently being placed within the District allows the District to direct water to alternative commercial and residential uses in the event the RMCC is unable to utilize its full allocation, or if the amount of recycled water available exceeds what the District is contractually obligated to provide to RMCC.

"Why the **purple pipe**?" Excellent question. The purple color of the recycled water pipe and other related infrastructure is to alert those who may use the water that unlike potable water, the water is not for human consumption but intended for irrigation only. Beyond pipes, you will see recycled water valve and controller box lids in purple indicating the valves or controls within are tied to a purple pipe system.

Did you know other utilities have designated colors too? Blue pipes are tied to potable water lines and Green pipes indicate sewer or drainage lines. Know your colors when you dig. Better yet, be sure to call 8-1-1 before you excavate an area of your yard. The service is free and will indicate underground utilities that may impact your project.

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

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CALIFORNIA WASTE RECOVERY SYSTEMS

California Waste Recovery Systems (Cal-Waste) has been providing solid waste collection and disposal services to Rancho Murieta since November of 2005 and has always provided excellent service to our residents.



Services provided by Cal-Waste, include:

- Cell phone collection in recycling carts
- Used cooking oil collection at the curb
- Used motor oil collection at the curb
- Household battery collection in recycling carts

Cal-Waste offers large item collection, up to four (4) times a year per residence with 6 cubic yards (5'x4'x8') per pickup. Large items can include discarded household items such as: furniture, carpets, mattresses, clothing, large green waste, and brown goods. Universal Waste Collection and Electronic Waste collection are also picked up with the large item collection service. Call Cal-Waste at 354-4154 to schedule your pick up.

Another service available is extra green waste collection December 1 through March 30. Yard waste is not limited to the amount in your yard cart – extra plastic bags will be collected curbside. Christmas trees are also collected each year.

Collection days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, depending on your street address. The mid-week collection days avoids having containers left out by residents traveling over the weekend. Green waste and recycles are collected on alternate weeks. Garbage is picked up weekly. Hours of collection are no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and no later than 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise noticed.

Visit our website at www.rmcsd.com for more information.



REPORT A WATER LEAK

You can help stop water waste by reporting leaks you notice while you are out and about in the community to the District office by calling 354-3700 or through our website (www.rmcsd.com). When you report a possible water leak, District staff is dispatched to the site to investigate the situation. Many times before a leak can be repaired the District must call in an Underground Service Alert, which is the process by which all utility companies must come out to mark where their underground service lines are located. This process can delay the repair time and may cause the person that reported the leak to think that the District has not responded to the report; especially if they did not leave their contact information for the District to follow-up with on the leak investigation and repair. To resolve this potential breakdown in communication, the District has started to mark the pavement of leak locations with the initials "CSD" and the date staff was on-site for the investigation. Thank you for helping to stop water waste by calling in leaks!