



**A Monthly Newsletter**

**December 2024**

**Serving the Community**

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

***District Meeting Schedule For December 2024***

***All Meetings in Person***

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

***Tuesday  
December 3rd  
8 a.m. - Improvements***

***Thursday December 5th  
9 a.m. Communications  
& Technology***

***Friday December 6th  
1:00 p.m. Special Board  
Meeting***

***BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday  
December 18th  
5:00 p.m.***

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

*All meeting dates and times  
are subject to change.  
Check our website,  
[www.rmcsd.com](http://www.rmcsd.com) for  
any changes.*

**MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER**

December 2024

Dear Rancho Murieta Residents:

I'm very pleased to share that the audit for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year begins on December 16, 2024. The effort to rebuild the accounting records for this fiscal year (and the subsequent two, 22-23, and 23-24) has been substantial due to the absence of accurate financial accounting for these periods of time. We are making progress on validating the revised accounting of prior years while also establishing procedures to ensure that current fiscal year accounting is being done correctly.

We have established a goal of getting caught up with the prior year audits by May of 2025. This is a big task which is made more challenging by the many other financial and non-financial obligations at the District, but everyone will be working very hard to achieve these financial goals.

I'm also pleased to share that the California Department of Recycling (aka CalRecycle) granted Rancho Murieta a waiver to the organic waste collection mandated by Senate Bill 1383 ([SB1383-Lara, 2016](#)). The waiver eliminates your obligation to collect and dispose of organic food waste separate from your trash.

This waiver goes into effect immediately and is valid until December 2028. District staff is working with CalWaste to reduce the weekly collection of organic waste and yard waste and to adjust monthly service fees. Eventually, the collection of yard waste will return to the every other week schedule that was in place before the implementation of SB 1383 at the District. We are working diligently with CalWaste to discontinue the program and determine the exact amount of monthly savings for each home.

Composting organics in your own yard is an option for those eager to generate rich garden enhancements. More information about how to compost in your back yard that may be found at the county's website located here: <https://wmr.saccounty.gov/Documents/CompostGuide.pdf> More details will be coming in the weeks ahead.

Over Thanksgiving, we had multiple water leaks and needed to reach homeowners to advise them of the situations. Fortunately, we had email and cell phones for those homeowners. Please keep your contact information current with the District so that we can easily and quickly contact you if your home has water issues.

Finally, I want to thank Director Martin Pohll for his service to the District over the last four years. Director Pohll has been steady in his deliberations regarding the District, considering both financial and engineering perspectives on all issues. He will be greatly missed. We look forward to the participation of newly-elected Director John Merchant, who has been an involved member of the community for decades and can offer a valuable historic perspective.

Mimi Morris  
General Manager

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP SCHEDULE**  
**Live Christmas tree pickups will occur from**

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, January 17, 2024**

Please have your trees set at the curb by 7:00 am on your service day.

Artificial trees will not be picked up during this collection event.

Natural trees must have all decorations and bases removed before being placed at the curb.

**Thank you and Happy Holidays from the Cal-Waste Family!!**



**NOVEMBER 20, 2024 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Voted Yes on Updated CSDA Bylaws
- Rejected Government Claim of George Arsenith against the District
- Approved Increasing General Manager Pay by 4.5%
- Continued Emergency Repair of Pipe Leak from Granlees to Calero
- Continued Emergency Repair of Recycled Water Line Leak on Yellow Bridge
- Approved Reimbursement for Property Damage from Water/Sewer Lines at Murieta Village
- Reviewed Technical Consultants for Integrated Water Master Plan
- Reviewed the Process to Permit Clementia Reservoir for Potable Use
- Approved Request for Analysis from Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA) to determine viability of connecting Rancho Murieta to SCWA Water
- Adopted Resolution R2024-13 Authorizing Federal WaterSMART Grant Opportunity for Water and Energy Efficiency with Modifications
- Approved Changes in Security Budget and Introduced Proposed Increase to Barcode Fees
- Adopted Resolution R2024-14 Honoring and Thanking Martin Pohll for his four years of service on the Board

**NOVEMBER 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**Improvements Committee**

- Discussed Sacramento County Water Agency Analysis of viability of SCWA as a Supplemental Water Supply
- Discussed Integrated Water Master Plan Technical Review
- Discussed Division of Drinking Water's Guidance Regarding Statutory Authorization to use Clementia Water
- Discussed Federal Water SMART Grant Opportunity for Water and Energy Efficiency Projects
- Discussed Murieta Village Supply and Sewer Line Preliminary Design
- Discussed Lift Station 6B Rehab
- Discussed Repairs to Recycled Water Line on Yellow Bridge
- Discussed Water Treatment Plant #2 Filter Bed Rehabilitation
- Discussed Wastewater Treatment Plant Sodium Hypochlorite Conversion
- Discussed Basin 5 Maintenance Request

**Personnel Committee**

- Discussed Converting Two Non-Exempt Classifications to Exempt Classifications
- Discussed Reorganization—District Mechanic Direct Report to Director of Operations
- Tabled Discussion on Pay for Performance Program due to lack of time

**Communications & Technology Committee**

- Received update on Website and Social Media
- Discussed Importance of Encouraging Water Conservation

**Finance Committee**

- Reviewed Financial Reports—Budget to Actual — through 10/31/2024
- Reviewed State of Accounting (FY 21-22, 22-23 and 23-24)
- Discussed Full-Service Accounting Software Package
- Discussed Amended Security Budget with 24/7 coverage of gates and patrol
- Discussed Changes to Barcode Fees

**Board of Directors**

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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.



**FATS, OILS & GREASE**  
NO FOG, NO CLOG - KEEP OUR SEWERS CLEAR

### KEEP GUTTERS, DRAIN INLETS & STORM DRAINS CLEAR

During the autumn & winter months, roof gutters and drain inlets can be easily covered and clogged with leaves and other debris, causing property and street flooding. You can help prevent this problem by keeping leaves and other debris away from the storm drain inlets in your yard and neighborhood.



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### RESERVOIR FILLING HAS BEGUN

The Cosumnes River is the source of water for the Community. The District diverts this raw surface water into all three storage reservoirs (Calero, Chesbro, Clementia). Water from Calero and Chesbro is pumped to the Water Treatment Plant to process into drinking water for community use.

Diversion from the river can start November 1<sup>st</sup> if flow levels are high enough and concludes May 30th. Typically river flow from the first storms is allowed to pass by, flushing out the river system of sediment and possible contaminants washed in from roadways and agricultural areas. Our goal is to pump the cleanest water possible while being able to fill our reservoirs to maximum

For more detail go to our website here:

<https://www.ranchomurieta.com/water-system-overview>

View Cosumnes River flows at the Michigan Bar gauging station on the web here:

[https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv/?site\\_no=11335000](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv/?site_no=11335000)

### TIPS TO SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME FROM FLOODING

Protect your home from potential damage from flooding, storms, or riverflow through simple precautions:

- Keep rain gutters and downspouts clear of leaves and debris.
- Ensure your downspouts direct water away from your basement or foundation.
- Verify that your sump pumps are working properly and come on automatically.
- Grab sandbags now for your troublespots; and
- Promptly fix any small leaks in your roof, windows, doors and foundation.

***Sandbags are available at the District Office  
by the entrance to the Waste Water Treatment Plant***

## MAKING CONSERVATION A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE

Our changing climate requires Californians to move beyond temporary emergency drought measures and adopt permanent changes to use water more wisely and prepare for more frequent and persistent periods of limited water supply. Conservation and efficiency also reduce the energy needed to pump, transport, treat and deliver water. Your small changes make a big impact. Only by working together can we improve and sustain the state's water future for generations to come. To that end, on July 3, 2024, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation. The regulation is intended to achieve long-term water use efficiency with the purpose of adapting to climate change by establishing unique goals for each urban retail water supplier in California. While Rancho Murieta CSD is not yet an urban retail water supplier, it is a possibility in the future. In an effort to inform the community about the need to conserve water before it is critical, we will maintain a series of articles in the Pipeline and on the website devoted to "Making Conservation a California Way of Life." These articles highlight things homeowners can do to help lessen the impact of future droughts.

This month we'll start with tips for conserving landscaping water during the fall and winter months:

- As the days become shorter and the weather cools irrigation demands drop off, irrigation timers should be adjusted to stop or shorten the run time of outdoor irrigation. The most efficient system for watering your lawn and garden is using an irrigation controller (also called a timer or irrigation clock).
- The California Department of Water Resources recommends that you limit the number of fall watering days:
  - \* For lawns to one day per week for three minutes, three times per day;
  - \* For groundcover, one day per week for one minute,
  - \* For drip systems five minutes once per week and off in winter.
  - \* They also recommend not watering for 48 hours after measurable rain.

If you are unsure how to program your irrigation controller and have lost the instruction manual, search online for instructions on the manufacturer's website.

Re-Programming your timer from a summer to fall/winter schedule will also save on your monthly water bills.

## NO MORE CSD PAYMENT BOX AT RMA

The CSD payment drop box located near the RMA office was damaged and removed. Please drop payments off at the main CSD office located at 15160 Jackson Road, Rancho Murieta either inside or in the drop box outside the main office door.

Or transition to electronic payments which are a great way to pay your CSD bill. CSD staff can help you set up two types of electronic payments : 1) Credit card (fees apply) or 2) Electronic Bill Pay (no fees!). and can be done one of two ways: (1) Credit card or (2) Electronic Bill Pay.

### The CSD Administration Office will be closed

December 25th for the Christmas Holiday and  
January 1, 2025 for New Year's Day!

## DEER CREEK/SCOTT ROAD CROSSING STREAM GAUGE

Winter is upon us. Please be aware of the danger of Deer Creek flooding on Scott Road. Follow this link to check the stream level:

[http://www.sacflood.org/sensor.php?site\\_id=1133&device\\_id=7&view\\_id=1](http://www.sacflood.org/sensor.php?site_id=1133&device_id=7&view_id=1)

WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES WILL BE MOVED TO THE  
FOLLOWING DAY FOR ONLY THE WEEKS SHOWN BELOW

#### Week of December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

#### Week of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Contact Cal-Waste Customer Service with any questions  
at [CustomerService@Cal-Waste.com](mailto:CustomerService@Cal-Waste.com) or 916-354-4154

## 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.**