



**A Monthly Newsletter**

**October 2022**

**Serving the Community**

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

**District Meeting Schedule For October 2022**

**Committee Meetings Will Be Held Via ZOOM**

**October 4, 2022**

Improvements @ 8:00  
Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

**October 6, 2022**

Communication &  
Technology @ 8:30 a.m.  
Security @ 10:00 a.m.

**Board Meeting Will Be Held In Person**

**October 19, 2022**

**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](http://www.rmcsd.com) for any changes*

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**MEASURE R – SECURITY BALLOT MEASURE – NOV. 8, 2022**

**Why is RMCS D proposing a new parcel tax measure for Security?**

When Measure J was approved in 1998 (24 years ago) it was based on rates that were adequate to provide 24/7/365 security with a 2% annual increase cap for Gates, Patrol, Assistance to other Agencies and registering guests. It was virtually impossible to predict the increase in costs to operate a Security department 24 years later.

- Over the past ten years the department has struggled to keep up with these costs.
- Over the past 6 years, RMCS D has been supplementing Measure J funds with our general purpose property taxes. In the near future costs will outweigh these funds also.
- This year it was determined by the Board of Directors that our reserves were dangerously low. Our aging infrastructure is having problems and needs repairs and replacements on a weekly basis. Along with other increases in costs across the board it was necessary to find a way to build up our reserves quickly.
- In the 2022/23 budget presented in March there were increases in water and sewer to capture some additional funding to build reserves. There were also increases in solid waste (new organics program) and Drainage and Security up to their 2% cap.
- These increases were disputed by a group of residents through protest letters and forms and the proposed budget was overturned.
- In the future, the Board of Directors has determined property taxes will not be used to supplement Security. The Board is proposing a new Special Tax, Measure R to make up the shortfall.
- After a year of polls, surveys and meetings community members let the Board know that security was extremely important to them and several options were presented.
- Option 2 was selected by the Board to put on the Ballot in November. Option 2:
  - \* Will maintain security services at current levels 24/7/365.
  - \* Will cost each household \$26.00 a month more.
  - \* Will allow the District to free up property tax monies for reserves.
  - \* Reserves need to be used to repair and replace critical infrastructure and for Water, Sewer & Drainage operations.
  - \* Measure R funds would stay in Rancho Murieta for Security Services only.
  - \* By Law, no funds can be used for other District operations or be taken away by the County or State or be used for other purposes.

If you have questions or need more information contact Tom Hennig at [thennig@rmcsd.com](mailto:thennig@rmcsd.com) or call 916-354-3700.

## Large Item Waste Pickup: Do's and Don'ts

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.

Forget about driving to Kiefer Landfill this weekend. Have Cal-Waste provide a Large Item Waste Pickup service to get rid of excess trash or yard waste that doesn't fit in your curbside carts.

Accepted items for Large Item Waste Pickups range from furniture, mattresses, large exercise equipment, carpets, to electronic waste, and even appliances! One Large Item Waste Pickup can include up to six (6) cubic yards of materials (see photo example left).

All small items must be contained in bags, boxes, or containers. Please keep in mind that loose debris, tree trunks, rock, concrete, dirt, and household hazardous waste, such as paints, stains, lightbulbs, batteries, and lubricants are not accepted in Large Item Waste Pickups.

As a result of the successful Proposition 218 protest eliminating the solid waste rate increase that was to be effective on July 1, 2022, Large Item Pickups are no longer included as part of the monthly residential rate and are no longer provided at no additional charge. To continue to have the service available to residents who wish to utilize it, Large Item Waste Pickups are available to Rancho Murieta residents for \$74.00 each for up to six (6) cubic yards.

Scheduling a Large Item Waste Pickup is super easy! All you have to do is call our customer service team Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm at (916) 354-4154. They can help with any questions you may have regarding Large Item Waste Pickups. Cal-Waste is here to help the residents of Rancho Murieta with all their waste disposal needs.



## CHANGING SEASONS –Cooler Weather and Shorter Days

As the days become shorter and the weather cools irrigation demands drop off, so irrigation timers should be adjusted accordingly. We have already experienced some early precipitation, and that means we need to shorten the run time of our outdoor irrigation systems. 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 at two for seven minutes, twice a day; for groundcover, five days, and for drip systems 30 minutes once a day for five days per week in summer and off in winter. If you are unsure how to program your irrigation controller, the information can be found in its instruction manual, or on the manufacturer's website. Re-Programming your timer from a summer schedule to fall, will also save on your monthly water bills.

### Water Supply

After November 1st, once the Cosumnes River system has flushed itself from the first few rain events, the District will begin pumping to start filling the Calero, Chesbro, and Clementia reservoirs to ensure we have adequate supplies of water for drinking and fire protection for next year.

### Reclamation Storage

Additionally, the storage reservoirs at the waste water treatment facility are being drawn down for golf course reclamation use to ensure there is plenty of room to store the wet weather wastewater flows at the Wastewater Treatment plant. The storage reservoirs will store the treated wastewater to then begin delivering water to the golf courses next spring.

## HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a wonderful holiday, but due to trick-or-treaters, there is an increase in foot traffic. According to the Center for Disease Control survey, the potential for automobile related accidents with young pedestrians increases four times on Halloween.

Since Halloween falls on a Sunday this year, we can expect celebrations to occur on more than just Halloween Day. Please be more watchful for the "trick or treaters" who may be thinking more of filling their bags than of safety.



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### BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Friday—Closed*

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### September 21, 2022 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Introduced Ordinance 2022-05 Revising CH 31 Solid Waste Code
- Approved Contract with Lund for emergency repairs to Lake 11
- Introduced Ordinance 2022-04 Revising CH 3 Conflict of Interest Code
- Approved Contract with Dewberry for Wastewater Treatment Facility Disinfection Design Services
- Discussed issuing Bonds for RMA Community Center

### September 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Improvements Committee

- Discussed communications with Sacramento County Relating to Development
- Considered Bids for Bathymetric Study for Chesbro Reservoir
- Received update on Lake 11 Project

#### Security Committee

- Received update on Security Camera Strategy
- Received update on Security Center Rehab
- Received update on Measure “R”

#### Finance Committee

- Discussed Ordinance 2022-05 Revising CH 31 Solid Waste Code
- Discussed Financial Services Agreement with the PUN Group
- Reviewed Internal Controls Policy and Reserve Policy
- Received update on Measure “R”

#### Communications & Technology Committee

- Discussed Ordinance 2022-04 Revising CH 3 Conflict of Interest Code
- Reviewed Keeping Track of Current Issues Report

### Development Update

**Riverview:** Developer is finishing the new crossing at Bird Loop and is continuing work on installing retaining walls. Work is continuing on the installation of water and sewer infrastructure for phase 1b.

On 9-2-22 the District received a copy of a complaint filed by a resident regarding construction of the Riverview development.

**Retreats:** The Retreats East have been separated from Retreats North. The District and the Developer are working through the various punch list items for the Retreats East. In Retreats North road grading is occurring and dry utilities are being installed.

**Circle K/Shell:** The foundation for the station will be poured soon.

**Murieta Gardens Lot 2 (Tractor Supply):** The Developer is in the process building block walls and installing sewer utilities and fire service.

*Detailed Updates can be found on our website:  
<https://www.ranchomurietacsd.com/development-projects>*

## COMMUNITY FAQ'S

### What is a Special District?

- A special district is a local form of government that is created, funded and overseen by a community's residents.
- CSD's are formed to provide services in an unincorporated area of a county.
- There are many types of special districts that can be established to fit the specific needs of a community. Most Districts provide one or possibly two services while Rancho Murieta provides **five**.
- District services include airports, cemeteries, fire protection, harbors and ports, libraries, mosquito and pest abatement, sanitation, water, sewage and drainage. More than 32 services in all.
- There are 2000+ community service districts throughout California. They vary in size and may serve a community of thousands or only a few hundred.



### Water Meter Access

It is important for the District to have access to all meters for data collection and maintenance. Clear access to the box helps to ensure that it can be quickly turned off in an emergency. It is the property owner/tenant's responsibility to maintain clear access around the meter box. If the meter is obstructed or inaccessible, the District will notify the property owner/tenant to either remove the obstruction or clear the area surrounding the meter. See below for examples of accessible meters.

#### Ways You Can Help With Meter Accessibility

##### Trees, bushes and plantings

Trim bushes, trees, and grass surrounding the meter. During the growing season, plants can cover a meter box very quickly.

##### Pets

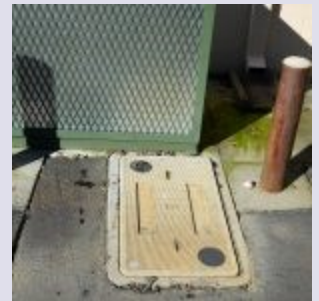
Keep pets away from the path that leads to the meter. If you have a guard dog for security, please let the District know so that meter readers are aware.

##### Objects that cover or block meters

Please make sure that no objects cover or block access to the meter box. Items that have been found blocking meters include cars, trailers, construction materials, fences, landscape bark, gravel, and plants.

##### Locked gates

If the meter is located behind a gate that is normally kept locked, the District will contact you to arrange access to the meter.



## 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.*