



**A Monthly Newsletter**

**July 2021**

**Serving the Community**

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

**District Meeting Schedule For July 2021**

**July 1, 2021**

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

**July 6, 2021**

Personnel @ 7:30 a.m.  
Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.  
Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

**July 21, 2021**

**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

**BE SURE TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

**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.

**A MESSAGE FROM RMA PRESIDENT ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> IN RANCHO MURIETA Update on July 4<sup>th</sup> Activities**

We are delighted to announce that the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and evening Fireworks Show will resume this year on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Having to cancel these events last year due to the restrictions of the Pandemic was a huge disappointment for us all. We are happy to see the Covid restrictions lifted and some sense of normalcy returning to our community. During this past year, all RMA staff remained employed and working with little interruption to all the usual services provided to our community. Also, additional services were planned for and added, such as, wildfire fuel reduction, Laguna Joaquin midge fly treatments, and street re-pavement preparations. With so many more people quarantining and remaining in the community each day this past year, activities and demands of the Architecture, Compliance, and Maintenance Departments were significantly higher. In addition, the Security Department was highly impacted with many more residents at home and using the community amenities. We really appreciate our hardworking employees and hope to see a great community turnout at all the coming July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

July 4 <sup>th</sup> Activities	
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	7:00 AM
40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run	7:30 AM
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade	10:00 AM
Music at the Gazebo	7:00 PM
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Fireworks Show	9:30 PM

Cheryl McElhany, RMA President

## GM CORNER

### Security Service Opinion Poll

On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, Rancho Murieta CSD held a town hall meeting at the Rancho Murieta County Club to discuss the impact of a tax measure that would amend Measure J. Currently, Measure J is limited to a 2% annual CPI increase and is not sufficient funding to cover the full cost of the security operations. Tina Talamantes, the Interim Security Supervisor, provided a presentation for community members to explain the three options available: 1) retain Measure J funding level, 2) Amend Measure J to fund existing Security services and 3) Amend Measure J to increase Security services. Approximately 80 community members attended and were walked through the history of Measure J and the problems the District is currently facing with limited staffing and funding. Residents were given time to share their thoughts and concerns regarding the potential impact of a Measure J amendment and what the amendment should look like.

#### Next Steps:

Over the next few weeks, we will hold a series of five working groups to assist our consultant with the development of survey questions. Each workgroup will have up to ten members, selected randomly by our consultant. The workgroup meetings will take place at the District Office and will be limited to two hours. Each group is planned to meet only once. We have created an application process to allow any resident to participate. The forms for the application are on the District website and can be emailed to the District or dropped off at the District office or the drop boxes at the RMA or the Village. To apply, send an email to: [securitysurvey@rmcsd.com](mailto:securitysurvey@rmcsd.com)

### Employee Spotlight – Summer Intern – Troy Quinton

In recent years, the District has had the pleasure of employing student interns. In September of 2020, the District renamed our internship program in remembrance of Graham Self, a Student Intern from Folsom Lake College, who sadly passed away on September 3rd after a ferocious battle with Osteosarcoma cancer. **Troy Quinton** is this summer's Internship recipient. Troy is Junior at Oregon State studying Mechanical Engineering. He started with the District June 14<sup>th</sup> and has been working with Mario and Gabe as well as the rest of the Utility Department fixing leaks and clearing drainage ditches. Troy is excited to learn how our water system works from top to bottom. Troy would like to pursue a career in Alternative Energy when he is finished with college. We are looking forward to having Troy assist with an Easement mapping project this summer, while he is employed with the District. His favorite activity in his free time is to play Ultimate Frisbee.



***We will be closed July 5<sup>th</sup>  
In Observance of The 4<sup>th</sup> of July***



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**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.

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**NEW FISCAL YEAR**

The Board adopted the 2021-2022 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 16, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting and are effective with the July 25, 2021 billing statement. The average monthly increase for a residential metered lot is \$28.90 or 17.8%. The primary drivers for the increase include:

- Liability & Workers Comp insurance increases
- Negotiated wage increase
- Solid Waste contract cost
- SMUD rate increase
- Increases in Dam Inspection fees
- Increases in infrastructure maintenance & repairs
- Adjustment to Raw Water Rate based on Rate Study

**WE'RE HIRING!**

The District currently has openings for Security Supervisor, Gate and Patrol Officer, Accounting Manager and Accountant! Please visit our website at <https://www.ranchomurieta.csd.com/employment-opportunities> for more information! The District is a great place to work, with great benefits, a positive team work environment, flexible schedules, and right around the corner from where you live!

**Development Update**

Retreats East and North— Final plans will soon be reviewed by Domenichelli & Associates, Inc. District staff has requested past due and additional deposit funding before being able to continue work.

MG – Legacy Villas & Suites (lot 7) - Construction for the foundations has begun. Completion of this project will end at the end of 2022 or early 2023.

MG – Lot 11 (Circle K Gas Station/carwash) - Work is planned to start by the end of June.

Riverview— The developer has selected a grading contractor and will begin grading as soon as the County issues the grading permit.

Retreats East and North - The project reports that K Hovnanian will be purchasing the property, they submitted improvement plans and the District is waiting on updated deposits before being able to continue work.

Rancho Murieta North— The project provided deposit funds to allow continued review of the project's water and sewer plans. Drainage plans had already been through a first review with comments and plan mark-ups provided back to the project.

Residences Of Murieta Hills East — The Developers addressed the Improvements Committee on June 1 and discussed their preferred solutions for drainage, recycled water, sewer and water: Conditions for both East and West projects can be viewed: <http://www2.agendonet.saccounty.net/BoardOfSupervisors/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=3572&doctype=1>

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

## June 16, 2021 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved California Waste Recovery Systems Eighth Amendment to the 2013 Contract
- Received Waste and Recycling Services Update
- Adopted Resolution R2021-01 Approving the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22
- Adopted Resolution R2021-02 In Recognition of Utility Worker II Mario Moreno
- Adopted Ordinance O2021-01 Approving Rate Changes Effective July 1, 2021
- Reviewed Security Opinion Poll Timeline
- Adopted Policy P2021-03 Whistleblower Policy
- Adopted Policy P2021-05 Surveillance Camera Policy
- Approved Contract with ABA Protection, Inc. for Contract Security Services

## May 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Improvements Committee

- Discussed Residents East and West with Developers Bob Keil and John Sullivan

### Security Committee

- Reviewed Surveillance Camera Policy
- Reviewed Security Opinion Poll Timeline
- Received update on Contract Security Services RFP
- Received update on Security Supervisor Recruitment
- Discussed Security Services RFP
- Discussed Bar Codes and Bar Code Readers

### Finance Committee

- Reviewed Whistleblower Policy
- Reviewed Town Hall Meeting Agenda

The 2020 Consumer Confidence Report is available at:

<https://www.ranchemurietacsd.com/files/0f422abb1/consumer+confidence+report++2020.pdf>

## Projected Drought Measures

Rancho Murieta CSD Asks Customers to Voluntarily Reduce Water Use.

RMCS D is requesting that customers to voluntarily reduce water use to help conserve water for the region. Our water supply in our reservoirs could reach record low levels if dry conditions continue for multiple years.

Here are a few things you can do:

1. Limit landscape watering to only once a week – but please water your mature trees as needed.
2. Do not wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or buildings, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes.
3. Immediately fix leaky pipes, sprinklers, and other outdoor water-using fixtures.
4. Do not refill swimming pools or fountains, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes.
5. Reduce water use inside by washing only full loads of clothes, turning off the water while cleaning dishes, brushing teeth or shaving and repairing leaky toilets and faucets.
6. Take advantage of rebate opportunities offered by water districts.
7. Attempt to make every drop count - Water must be used for beneficial purposes only; unnecessary and wasteful uses of water are prohibited.

***More ideas can be found by visiting the RMCS D website: [www.rmcsd.com](http://www.rmcsd.com).***

## 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.**