



PIPELINE

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A Monthly Newsletter

USELESS INFORMATION

Less than 3% of the water produced at a large municipal water treatment plant is used for drinking purposes.

THE DROUGHT IS OVER – BUT PLEASE DON'T WASTE!

Effective April 19, 2017, Rancho Murieta has gone back to a Stage Normal of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. That means the District's water supply or distribution system is able to meet all water demands of its customers in the immediate future.



FOR JUNE 2017

June 1, 2017

Security @ 4:00 p.m.

Communications &
Technology @ 4:30 p.m.

June 6, 2017

Improvements @ 8:30 a.m.

Finance @ 9:00 a.m.

Personnel @ 10:00 a.m.

June 21, 2017

District Board Meeting @
5:00 p.m.

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

While Governor Brown has officially declared that California, for the most part, is no longer under the effect of extreme drought conditions, he and the State Water Resources Control Board continue to stress the importance of efficient water use. The District supports the continued effort to change consumer behavior from a "conservation focus" to an "efficient use" focus.

The District also remains under the mandates of SB X7-7, passed in 2009, which requires a 20% reduction in water usage by the year 2020. Our 20 by 2020 goal is to meet a 10 year moving average of gallons per person per day of 240 gpcd. At the end of 2016, our 10 year moving average is 250 gpcd. We can meet the 20 by 2020 mandate with your continued support and focus on efficient water use.

Here are a few tips to help with efficient water use:

- ✚ Water your lawn only when necessary and consider landscaping with native plants adaptable to your climate's conditions.
- ✚ Hand water and focus on dry spots, pay attention to avoid runoff. Always use a nozzle on your hose to prevent free flow of water from the garden hose.
- ✚ Irrigate your landscape only in the early morning hours.
- ✚ Use drips or bubblers to irrigate your flower and shrub beds.
- ✚ Be sure to adjust sprinklers to avoid unnecessary overspray. Driveways, sidewalks and streets do not need water.
- ✚ Fix leaky and broken sprinkler heads as soon as possible.
- ✚ Reduce irrigation cycles by 1 to 3 minutes. Irrigate on odd or even days, skipping Sundays. Most of us put twice as much water on our lawns than is actually needed.
- ✚ Use pool and spa covers.

To assist in conservation and efficient water use, the District is offering several rebates, free conservation handouts, and Water Wise home water audits. Information is available at the District's Administration Office and on our website www.rmcsd.com.



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MAINTAIN YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Irrigation systems need regular maintenance to keep them working efficiently year after year. Damage from lawn equipment or improper winterization can cause leaks and other serious problems.

- ✚ **Inspect your system monthly.** Check for leaks, broken or clogged sprinkler heads, and other problems. Clean clogged screens and micro-irrigation filters as needed.
- ✚ **Adjust sprinkler heads.** Remove or correct obstructions that prevent sprinklers from distributing water evenly. Adjust sprinkler head positions and spray patterns to avoid watering sidewalks or structures and to provide necessary clearance over growing plants.
- ✚ **Check the pressure.** Pressure can change over time and negatively affect system efficiency.
- ✚ **Inspect the system for leaks.** Leaks are a huge water waster. A good contractor can perform regular maintenance checks for leaks, broken or clogged spray heads, and other problems. Ask them to show you common problems to watch for between visits.
- ✚ **Install a rain shutoff switch.** These inexpensive sensors can be retrofitted to almost any system and help compensate for natural rainfall by turning off your system in rainy weather.
- ✚ **Consider “smart” technology.** Climate or soil moisture sensor-based controllers evaluate weather or soil moisture conditions and then automatically adjust the irrigation schedule to meet the specific needs of your landscape.
- ✚ **Consider low volume, micro irrigation for gardens, trees and shrubs.** Drip (or trickle) irrigation, micro-spray jets, micro-sprinklers and bubbler irrigation all apply a very small amount of water, slowly and precisely, minimizing evaporation, runoff and overspray.
- ✚ **Have your system audited.** Contact the District to have a Water Wise Audit performed on your home and outside irrigation. The District provides this service at no cost to Rancho Murieta residents as part of our on-going conservation efforts.

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MAY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Approved Project Listings for Capital Improvements and Water Supply Augmentation Fees
- ✚ Adopted Resolution 2017-06 Appointing Edward Crouse as Interim General Manager
- ✚ Reviewed Proposed 2017/2018 Budget and Capital Improvements Projects
- ✚ Public Hearing for Proposed Service Charge Increases and Special Tax Adjustments
- ✚ Approved Transfer of Funds for Drainage 2016-2017 Budget
- ✚ Approved Purchase of F-150 Truck
- ✚ Received Parks Committee Update

Volunteers needed for the VIPS Program (Volunteers in Partnership with Sheriffs). Contact Jackie Villa 354-8509 for more information.