



A Monthly Newsletter

October 2024

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For October 2024

All Meetings in Person

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

***Tuesday
October 8th
7:30 a.m.- Personnel
8 a.m. - Improvements***

***Thursday October 10th
9 a.m. Communications
& Technology***

***Wednesday October 16th
9:00 Finance***

***BOARD MEETING
Wednesday
October 16th
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 for any changes.*

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

October 2024

Dear Rancho Murieta Residents:

I want to dedicate this month’s message to talking about the great work of District staff.

There are three primary areas of activity at the District: Operations, Security, and Administration. We’re fortunate to have skilled and dedicated staff in all those areas. I feel personally grateful to those staff that have been working on behalf of the District for many years. These include at least ten staff who have recently hit longevity milestones:

- Rick Dias in Security at 30 years;
- Karen Hessler in Security at 20 years;
- James Colas (Operations) is approaching 19 years;
- Travis Bohannon is approaching 15 years;
- Ron Greenfield (Operations) at 10 years;
- Mario Moreno (Operations) at 10 years;
- Ryan Wenker (Operations) at 6 years;
- Gabriel DeVault (Operations) at 6 years;
- Vitaliy Perepelka (Security) at almost 5 years and
- Amelia wilder (Admin) at almost 5 years

We’ve got several other, newer folks who are working hard to keep the water and wastewater flowing in the right direction; getting the finances in order, ensuring the District’s bills are accurate and timely, and ensuring that our gate operations are smooth and reliable, and that the community is as safe as possible.

Along those lines, the Board approved the creation of a new classification called Community Services Officer (CSO) which will help return the District to 24-7 patrol coverage. And we’ve got a new Director of Operations starting this month. Look for his profile in next month’s Pipeline.

I’m grateful to all our dedicated employees and hope you are, too. Take a moment to thank them when you see them hard at work on a leak, or at the gate, or in the office. A little appreciation really can go a long way toward building a better community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message.

Mimi Morris
General Manager

LATE PAYMENTS

Effective with the bill that will be due November 25, the District will be reinstating late payment penalties. Your CSD bill is due on the 25th of every month. Payments received after the 25th will receive a 10% late fee. The District's goal is to bring all of our outstanding accounts current to prevent potential water lock-offs. We understand there may be extenuating circumstances and we want to work with you. If your account is delinquent and you are unable to bring your account current immediately, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible to complete a payment installment agreement. Please call us to work out a payment plan at 916-354-3700.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved Emergency Repairs to the Recycled Water Pipe on the Yellow Bridge
- Approved Resolution R2024-10 Adopting Policy P2024-01 Record Retention Policy
- Approved Job Specification for Community Services Officer Classification and Security Program Change
- Continued Emergency Repair of Pipe Leak from Granlees to Calero
- Discussed Comprehensive Distribution System Study—this item will be returned to the Improvements Committee
- Decided not to pursue Bathymetric Study for Clementia at this time
- Discussed Proposal to Perform Maintenance on Basin 5 (Lost Lake) —this item will be returned to the Improvements Committee
- Discussed Water Augmentation Fee Rate Study—this item will be discussed after the completion of the IWMP
- Discussed Increases to Salary Ranges for Unrepresented Classifications—this item will be returned to the Personnel Committee
- Discussed Murieta Village Supply Lines: District vs Private —this item will be returned to the Improvements Committee

SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements Committee

- Discussed Murieta Village Supply Lines
- Discussed Release of Warranty Bonds for Riverview Infrastructure Phase 1A and 1B
- Discussed Repair of Broken Raw Water Conveyance Pipe from Granlees to Calero Reservoir
- Discussed Rio Oso Tank Flow Meter Installation
- Discussed Raw Water Report Methodology
- Discussed Bathymetric Survey of Clementia
- Discussed Comprehensive Distribution System Storage Capacity Study
- Discussed Main Lift North ATS for Generator Replacement
- Discussed North Gate UPS Upgrade to make it compatible with the generator
- Discussed Lift Station 6B Rehab
- Discussed Lost Lake Maintenance Request
- Discussed State and Federal Regulatory Compliance
- Discussed Repairs to Recycled Water Line on Yellow Bridge
- Received Development Update

Personnel Committee

- Recommended Resolution R2024-10 Adopting Policy P2024-01 Record Retention Policy be moved to the Board for approval
- Recommended Job Specification for Community Services Officer Classification and Security Program Change be moved to the Board for approval
- Discussed Operations Team Individual Employee Feedback
- Discussed Changes to Salary Ranges for Unrepresented Classifications

Communications & Technology Committee

- Received update on Website and Social Media
- Discussed Water Conservation Resources Page added to website, "Water 101"
- Received Report of PRA Requests

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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.

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UTILITY NEWS

Repair of Raw Water Pipe from Granlees to Calero

On June 20, 2024, it was reported to the District that there was a potential leak in the Clementia spillway. After an investigation, it was believed that the raw water line that takes raw water from the Cosumnes River to Calero reservoir was broken. Since we were not pumping anymore, Staff closed the valve at Calero reservoir to stop the leak.

The Board of Directors approved Resolution R2024-09 on July 17, 2024 authorizing the Emergency Repairs of the Granlees raw waterline leak using TNT Industrial Contractors. Inc to perform the repairs. On Monday July 29, 2024, TNT started the repair on the raw water line. The raw water line was exposed, and the break was found a few days later. We were not able to use the same type of pipe to do the repair due to the one (1) year lead time to get a new stick of pipe in the same material. After the pipe was exposed and examined further, it was determined that a patch being welded on the break would not work because of the thickness of the pipe.

It was determined that a 10-foot section of the pipe will be removed and replaced with a new ductile iron pipe. Since the old pipe is 33" and the new pipe will be 36", it was decided that new flanges would be fabricated to be able to adapt the two pipes together. TNT removed the section of pipe that is broken and fabricated the section of pipe that will be inserted for the repair. TNT is in the process of finishing the repair. Below are pictures of the section of pipe that has been removed.



CREATE A FIRE SAFE LANDSCAPE

Check out the new page on our website, Water 101, where you can find great articles to help protect your home against fire, water saving landscape tips, finding and fixing leaks, and many more. You can reach the new page here:

<https://www.ranchomurietacsd.com/water-101>

TREES AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

There have been some questions lately about the PVC pipes sticking out of the ground in front of the CSD Admin Building. In May of 2022, the Sacramento Tree Foundation planted 145 seedlings in front and to the side of our District Office. These trees are native species, including Valley Oak, Interior Live Oak, Blue Oak, Black Walnut, Boxelder and California Buckeye. When the seedlings were planted, each tree was shrouded by a pipe to ensure that they would not be eaten by wildlife, namely deer, for the first three years. The agreement with Sacramento Tree Foundation also guaranteed that we would have living trees at the end of the three year agreement. We are happy to report that most of the trees are alive and well, and many can be seen bursting from the top of the pipe. The plastic pipes will be removed at the end of the three years (this spring). Some of the trees have not made it. The Tree Foundation replanted trees last fall, and will replant any dead trees in the next few weeks. We understand that the pipes may have been unsightly, but they will give these trees the opportunity to thrive and become beautiful, mature trees.



PROPER DISPOSAL OF AUTUMN ITEMS

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.

Fall is the season of pumpkins, crisp apples, and of course, Halloween! After the festivities fade, we're often left with a pile of seasonal waste—including Halloween costumes that might only see the light of day once a year. Knowing how to responsibly dispose of these items can reduce waste and benefit the environment. Here's a guide to handling common fall items like pumpkins, apple cores, and Halloween costumes.

Pumpkins: Compost

Pumpkins are everywhere during fall, whether carved into spooky faces or used for seasonal decor. But once Halloween passes and the pumpkins start to rot, what's the best way to dispose of them?

Compost: Pumpkins are completely compostable. If you have a compost bin, you can simply remove any decorations like candles or paint, cut the pumpkin into smaller pieces, and add it to your pile. The nutrients from the decomposing pumpkin will enrich the soil in time for spring gardening.

Organic Waste Cart: If you don't compost at home, then toss pumpkins in with other food waste in the green organic waste cart.

Apple Cores: Compost

Fall wouldn't be complete without fresh apples and delicious apple pies. But after you've enjoyed your fall bounty, what can you do with leftover apple cores?

Compost: Like pumpkins, apple cores are perfect for composting. Toss them in with other food scraps, and they'll break down quickly, adding nutrients to your compost pile.

Organic Waste Cart: If you don't compost at home, then toss apple cores in with other food waste in the green organic waste cart.

Halloween Costumes: Reuse or Donate

Halloween costumes are one of the biggest contributors to seasonal waste, especially since many costumes are only worn once. Instead of letting them gather dust in your closet or throwing them away, here are some eco-friendly alternatives:

Organize a Costume Swap or Donate to Charity

By taking small steps like composting or disposing of organic waste in the proper cart and reusing Halloween costumes, you can enjoy the fall season while reducing your environmental footprint. Sustainable celebrations are not only good for the planet but also add a little extra meaning to the festivities!

HOW TO CONTACT THE DISTRICT

Visit us on the web at 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.*