



A Monthly Newsletter

September 2022

Serving the Community

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

District Meeting Schedule For September 2022

Committee Meetings Will Be Held Via ZOOM

September 1, 2022

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

September 6, 2022

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

Board Meeting Will Be Held In Person

September 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 for any changes

BE SURE TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

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 or call 916-354-3700.

Drop By The District Office For Complimentary Water Saving Tools!

The District Office Will Be Closed Monday, September 5 In Honor of Labor Day

A MESSAGE FROM THE CSD BOARD PRESIDENT

In May, 2022, the District used a picture of a former resident's son (US Marine) in an informational flyer. The resident raised several concerns regarding the usage his son's picture and the process of using any US military person in uniform. After hearing the resident's concerns, I reached out to understand the concerns on a personal level.

The resident and I had a very candid and honest conversation about his son and the welcome home parade. Throughout the course of the conversation, the sensitive nature of the effects on his son became clearer. Previously, the District's General Manager had issued an apology in a prior board meeting, however after further discussing the extent of the impact on the resident's son, I gave the resident a sincere apology.

Please note that the District staff and Board meant no disrespect to the family or the soldier, nor did we intend any heartache or grief by using a picture of the Marine in our brochure. Should anyone have questions please contact me directly.

Thank you.

RMCS D Board President

Timothy E. Maybee tmaybe@rmcsd.com

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Riverview Developer has completed the block wall and headwalls for the 36-inch and 24-inch outlets for the crossing at Bird Loop. Framing has continued for the model homes on Mamba Court. The District has provided comments for the Phase 1A Record Drawings.

Retreats All water and sewer mains have been installed. The Developer is pre-testing the pressure on the water mains. The dry utilities are being installed. At the last board meeting the word "mothball" was used to explain the separation of the East from the North Retreats development. Mothball was a somewhat inaccurate way to describe what will be happening with the North portion of the project. KHov's engineer has been asked to separate North from East and finalize the East's Final Map so that the homes that are sold can close escrow. The final map creates the parcel that will become the homesites/lots within the subdivision. The North has fallen behind in having the "Models and Sales Office" because of the blasting and rock removal that Teichert ran into on the lots surrounding the models (Lots 3 and 4). KHov feels that the "mothball" comment is being interpreted as if they are shutting down the construction progress on the North. They are going as quickly as the conditions have allowed them to get all of the lots, utilities and ultimately the paving in, before the winter.

Circle K/Shell Plumbing inspection has been completed by the County. The Developer plans to potentially have the new station open by Thanksgiving.

Murieta Gardens Lot 2 (Tractor Supply) The District attended the preconstruction meeting on August 8, 2022. Veerkamp will be the onsite contractor.

Murieta Gardens Pet Hospital (Lot 12) & Murieta PDF Office (Lot 10) – No update

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

WATER EFFICIENTLY FOR HEALTHIER PLANTS

Irrigation water running into a gutter or evaporating in the heat of the day does not get into the root zone of your plants. Therefore, adjust irrigation timers to water after sundown and at short intervals to allow irrigated water to set in to your soil. Two to three short watering cycles are far more efficient than one long cycle. Also, it is best to use drip irrigation systems when possible to target irrigation vs spray which may drift away from the area you want to water. Drip system rebates may be found on our website here: <https://www.ranchomurieta.com/rebates> Runoff water and drifting spray water may also create other issues like unwanted weeds or pooling areas of water in drainage systems where mosquitos may breed. Also, periodically check your irrigation system to ensure there are no leaks and irrigation heads are directed where you want them.

Board of Directors

Tim Maybee
President
tmaybe@rmcsd.com

Randy Jenco
Vice President
rjenco@rmcsd.com

Linda Butler
Director
lbutler@rmcsd.com

John Merchant
Director
jmerchant@rmcsd.com

Martin Pohl
Director
mpohl@rmcsd.com



A Monthly Newsletter

September 2022

Serving the Community

BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday

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

Friday—Closed

DISTRICT STAFF

Tom Hennig

General Manager

thennig@rmcsd.com

Paula O’Keefe

Director of Administration

pokeefe@rmcsd.com

Michael Fritschi

Director of Operations

mfritschi@rmcsd.com

Kelly Benitez

Security Supervisor

kbenitez@rmcsd.com

Amelia Wilder

District Secretary

awilder@rmcsd.com

Travis Bohannon
Chief Plant Operator

tbohannon@rmcsd.com

Ron Greenfield
Utilities Supervisor

rgreenfield@rmcsd.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICTS

1. 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 specific needs of a community. Most Districts provide one or possibly two services while Rancho Murieta provides **five**.
- Special District services can 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.

2. Why was RMCS D was formed ?

- In 1980 the RMA and MTI Associations were responsible for accessing water, sewer, drainage, solid waste removal and security for the community.
- The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) in Placerville was providing the water and sewer services. There were costs and issues that led to discussions and the consideration of a Community Service District for Rancho Murieta.
- Sacramento County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) was contacted and the process for forming a CSD was completed.
- In 1982 Rancho Murieta Community Services District was formed and began providing water, sewer, drainage and solid waste pickup.
- In 1984 the developer (PTF through RMPI) refused to continue paying for Security Services. The District took over the responsibility. **RMCS D is unique in being the only District in the State of California to provide in-house 24/7/365 security.**

3. What is Measure J?

- As a result of Prop 218 (a California Constitutional Amendment) the District was required to change the way it received revenue from its customers for Drainage (Measure K) and Security (Measure J).
- Funding is required through special parcel taxes. This funding was approved in 1998 by a 2/3rd majority vote of the community.
- At the time Measure J provided funds for security services that included:
 - * 24 hour gate operation
 - * 24 hour mobile patrol
 - * Assistance to outside agencies
 - * Assisting and registering guests
 - * Fees were based on charges broken down by residential inside the gates and outside the gates. The fees are broken down further for non-residential, undeveloped property, metered and unmetered lots.
- **There is a yearly cap of 2% on increases.**

4. Why doesn’t Measure J fund Security?

- Measure J is not a mandate to provide Security services. It is a description of the services to be provided with the revenue anticipated at the time it was passed, and at that time it was anticipated that the revenue would be sufficient to operate a Security Department and provide that level of service. 24 years later, it is not enough to fund that 24/7 level of service. The money is just not enough, unless we supplement it.

August 17, 2022 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget
- Adopted Ordinance O2022-03 amending District code Ch 4, Purchasing & Bidding
- Adopted Policy 2022-02 Integrated Pest Management Plan
- Approved Contract for Repairs to the Safety Center
- Discussed District's role in Measure R

August 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements Committee

- Discussed Integrated Pest Management Plan
- Discussed Emergency Repairs to Lift Station 3-B

Security Committee

- Received update on Measure R Special Parcel Tax Measure
- Discussed creation of an Administration Citation Ordinance authorizing fines for violation of District Ordinances

Finance Committee

Discussed FY 2022-23 Budget and Capital Improvements
Discussed Ordinance to establish rules and regulations for Organic Waste Disposal
Discussed Measure R Special Parcel Tax Measure

Communications & Technology Committee

- Discussed Security Tax Communications
- Received Update on Reservoir Information and Education Committee

FOOD WASTE SERVICES COMING IN 2023

Please do NOT change your waste sorting habits until you have been contacted by Cal-Waste with an official program start date.

FOOD WASTE SERVICES COMING IN 2023

The State of California has implemented its new organic waste recycling requirements, in accordance with the statewide mandate, Senate Bill 1383.

Residential organic waste recycling (food scraps and yard waste) is anticipated to begin at the beginning of 2023 for most Cal-Waste residential customers.

Currently, there are no changes to residential collection and how you should sort your waste at your place of residence. When your city, county, or special district begins the collection of food waste and yard waste in a comingled container, Cal-Waste will provide complete information regarding the details of the new program. Residential customers of Cal-

Waste can expect to change their waste sorting habits so that any and all food scraps no longer go into their Trash Cart. Instead the food scraps will be placed in the Green Waste Cart.

CHANGES TO YOUR GREEN WASTE CART



Please do NOT change your waste sorting habits until you have been contacted by Cal-Waste with an official program start date.

CURRENT WASTE



ADDED NEXT YEAR



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.*