



A Monthly Newsletter

Serving the Community

October 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER—OCTOBER

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

Hello Rancho Murieta residents,

In this month’s Pipeline, please note the following items:

A Town Hall meeting on the Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP) is planned for Thursday, November 2nd, from 6 to 10 p.m. (see page 4 for details);

The **Paymentus System** for Credit Card Payments will be functional through November 30, 2023; **Sign up for the new system ASAP** (see page 2 for details);

You are **invited to attend a training on our new billing website** which includes **account activation** and **payment options**. The trainings will be held on **Tuesday, October 17th**, and **Thursday, October 19th**. The hour-long sessions will start at **8:30 a.m.**, **noon**, and **4 p.m.**

Register by emailing ebill@mrcsd.com

Regarding **payment options**, please note that you can **save yourself up to \$48** per year if you switch to automatic payment instead of credit card payment. To get set up for automatic payments, **come to the trainings with a voided check** or just drop in and our customer service representatives will help you get set up.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message.

Best wishes,

Mimi Morris, General Manager

District Meeting Schedule For October 2023

Committee Meetings Will Be Held in Person

October 3, 2023
Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.

October 5, 2023
Security—
Canceled

October 10, 2023
Communications 8:30
Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

Board Meetings Will Be Held In Person

*Special Board Meeting
October 18 @ 2:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
October 18, 2023
@ 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



KEEP GUTTERS, DRAIN INLETS & STORM DRAINS CLEAR

It is the responsibility of the residents and homeowner associations to keep the drainage inlets cleared of yard waste and debris. If the inlets in the curbing are clogged with leaves and branches, water may back up in low-lying areas and can create flooding and inconvenience.

If you take care of your own lawn and garden maintenance or have a maintenance service, it is important to see that clogging does not occur. Heavy downpours in a short period of time can overwhelm culverts. Your cooperation is appreciated.



RMCS D NEW BILL PAYMENT WEBSITE—YOU'RE INVITED!!

*The New Online Bill Payment System launched in September.
Be the first to learn how to use this interactive tool to:*

Join us at the District Office
October 17th, and 19th at
8:30—9:30 a.m.; 12:00—1:00 p.m. and 4:00—5:00 p.m.
as we introduce our new system
R.S.V.P to ebill@rmcsd.com Questions? Call 916-354-3700

Paymentus will not be available as of November 30, 2023! Please consider switching to automatic payments from your checking account. Bring a voided check to the office to get set up for this service. If you would still like to pay with your credit card log on and start paying with the new bill pay system (which is \$4.00 per transaction up to \$1,000).

The new website is located at:
<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/ranchomurietaacsvdca>
You will need your new account #, located on a recent bill.

You can still pay your bill by mailing or dropping off a check at the District!

EXTRA GREEN WASTE PICK UP

Remember Cal-Waste will pick up EXTRA GREEN WASTE in ***November, December, January and February!***

Place green waste in a plastic bag next to your regular gray container on your green waste pick up day!



CHANGING SEASONS –Cooler Weather and Shorter Days

As the days become shorter and the weather cools irrigation demands drop off, irrigation timers should be adjusted accordingly. It's time 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.

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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday

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

Friday—Closed

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RESIDENTIAL ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING (CONTINUED)

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.

What is the Organic Waste Law?

In September 2016, Governor Brown signed into law Senate Bill 1383, establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). To reduce emissions, SB 1383 focuses on diverting organic waste from landfills. The State found that organic methane waste makes up half of what goes in landfills and accounts for 20% of the State's methane emissions.

SB 1383 requires communities across the state to maintain organic waste recycling programs. SB 1383's enforcement began January 1, 2023, in many communities across the State. SB 1383 targets are...

a 50% reduction of organic waste disposal in landfills by 2020*

a 75% reduction of organic waste disposal in landfills by 2025*

a 20% increase of currently disposed surplus food by 2025*

**Reduction targets based on 2014 data.*

What is organic waste?

Organic waste includes any and all food, food scraps and food byproducts, yard and landscape waste, lumber, and paper products.

How does that affect residents of Rancho Murieta?

All residents are provided with organic waste service and a new green organic waste cart. Organic waste must be separated from trash and recycling into this new green organic waste cart. Similar to how yard and garden waste was separated previously, only now, food waste and food soiled paper should be added to the yard and garden waste. Organic waste carts are serviced on a weekly basis (on the same day as trash service). A sample of carts must be audited to determine the success of the organic waste recycling program each year. (You may see Cal-Waste contamination auditors check carts put out for curbside collection.)

What will happen to the diverted organic waste?

Organic waste will mostly be turned into compost or used in anaerobic digestion to create renewable energy.

What is the recuse of current surplus food?

For commercial food service businesses (that meet the state's Tier 1 and Tier 2 thresholds), surplus edible food must be donated to food recovery organizations instead of thrown away. This will help feed the almost 1 in 4 Californians who are food insecure.

Who is affected?

Everyone; residents, multifamily properties and apartment complexes, businesses, non-profits, and public agencies will all need to comply with the new law and have an organics recycling program.

Download the Organic Waste Cart User Guide at

<https://www.rancho-murieta-csd.com/residential-organic-waste-recycling>

[files/24a0f4121/Residential-Organic-Waste-Recycling-Tips-WEB2.pdf](https://www.rancho-murieta-csd.com/residential-organic-waste-recycling-files/24a0f4121/Residential-Organic-Waste-Recycling-Tips-WEB2.pdf)

WEED ABATEMENT

The District has contracted with the California Conservation Corps and they will be performing weed abatement in the drainage ditches throughout the District. These efforts started September 25th, and we hope to have the ditches cleaned out in a few weeks.



INTEGRATED WATER MASTER PLAN TOWNHALL

You're Invited!!

When: *Thursday, November 2nd from 6:00 pm to 10:00 p.m.*

Where: *Rancho Murieta Country Club*

Why: *To discuss progress made on modeling current and future water demands in Rancho Murieta.*

Please join us and share your thoughts.

No Wipes Down the Pipes



PLEASE ONLY FLUSH
TOILET PAPER

Even "flushable" wipes
can cause problems to our sewer systems.

Do not flush wipes, diapers, tissues, paper
towels or any other products other than
toilet paper.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Adopted Ordinance O2023-04 Updating District Code Chapter 3 Conflict of Interest Code
- Rejected Claim from Cari McCormick
- Voted for Robert Wichert for Special District Representative to Sacramento LAFCo

SEPTEMBER 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Improvements Committee

- Discussed Proposal for Clementia Water Supply Source Feasibility Assessment
- Discussed SB170 Projects
- Discussed Electrical Quote for Lost Lake
- Discussed removal of Biosolids at the Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Discussed Lift Station 3B Upgrade
- Discussed Process Hazard Analysis
- Discussed GIS Sewer Inspection Update

All other Committees were cancelled in September

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.**