



**March 2021**

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

**District Meeting Schedule For March 2021**

**March 2, 2021**  
Personnel @ 7:30 a.m.

Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.

**March 3, 2021**  
Special Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

**March 4, 2021**  
Communication & Technology @ 8:30 a.m.

Security @ 10:00 a.m.

**March 17, 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*

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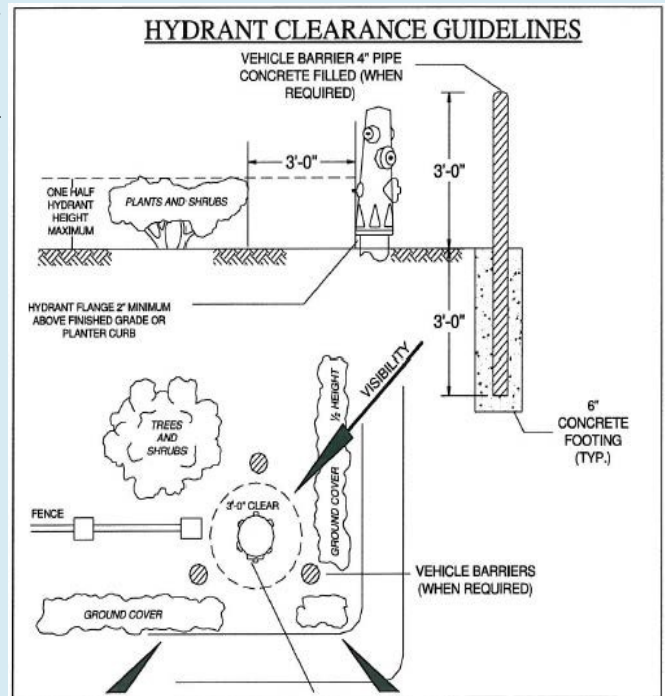
**FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT**

Rancho Murieta Community Services District (RMCS D) is currently in the process of replacing its fire hydrants. Crews have noticed some vegetation in front of some of the hydrants, and we wanted to remind you what the expectations are if you have a fire hydrant on your property. Per the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District:

“There shall be nothing around a fire appliance or fire equipment that would impair our ability to see it, access it and/or use it. These appliance and equipment include fire hydrants, fire department connections, post indicator valves, automatic fire sprinkler riser and control valves, all standpipe system hose cabinets and connections, hood and duct extinguishing systems and fire extinguishers.

The three foot minimum clear space shall apply not only to fire hydrants, but to all other fire protection equipment if deemed necessary by the authority having jurisdiction. Low height groundcover plants and grass may encroach upon the three foot clear radius as long as it does not impair our ability to utilize the equipment.”

Please refer to the diagram on the right for more information on how much space a fire hydrant needs!



**BE WATER SMART WEBINARS**

The Regional Water Authority (RWA) in partnership with local water suppliers will be hosting regular educational webinars throughout 2021. The webinars are free and open to all local water supplier customers in the Sacramento region. Please see details below.

**How Much Water Does Your Landscape Really Need?**

Date: March 25, 2021 – noon to 1 pm

Register at: [bit.ly/HowMuchH2o](http://bit.ly/HowMuchH2o)

**Drought Tolerant/Mediterranean Climate Gardens**

Date: March 31, 2021 – noon to 1 pm

Register at: [bit.ly/Climate-Garden](http://bit.ly/Climate-Garden)

**Creating a Pollinator Garden**

Date: April 14, 2021 – noon to 1 pm

Register at: [bit.ly/Pollinator\\_Garden](http://bit.ly/Pollinator_Garden)

<http://bewatersmart.info/webinars/>

Visit: <http://bewatersmart.info/webinars/> for more details!



## GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

### SECURITY FEES

We often receive questions about the District's Security Fees so we thought it would be useful to briefly shed some light on what security fees are collected and their purpose. **Monthly Security Fee:** The security fee you pay monthly covers the regular ongoing costs for 24/7 patrol, and gate access security in the case of RMA residents. These fees are the main source of revenue that funds the day to day operation of District Security including salaries, vehicles, equipment, leases and other operational costs like electricity and phones. These fees, a special tax, were approved by voters on June 2, 1998 as Measure J as part of a special election ballot and received 77% approval. Annual increases to this fee were capped at 2%. Changes to this special tax to expand services beyond that allowed by the annual increases would require a new special election and a two-thirds approval of the voters. **Security Impact Fee:** The Security Impact Fee, which was established via developer financing and service agreements, is a one-time fee charged at the time of water permit application on new development to cover the additional impact of new development on Security operations. District Policy P2016-02 clarifies the purpose of these fees: The Security Impact Fee funds shall be used to support and improve the provision of Security services to the Rancho Murieta community through the provision of technology, facilities, and physical assets with the fundamental goal of protecting the people and property within the District. New houses constructed outside of the gates are assessed \$750 each with new homes inside the gates assessed \$1,200 each. New commercial and industrial development is charged according to their water meter size at an Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) value set by the District. These funds can be used to fund security camera trailers, fixed security camera systems, studies, or to replace a patrol vehicle.

### Employee Spotlight – Accounting Assistant I—Maimie Chyinski

**MAIMIE CHYINSKI** started with the District as an Office Assistant I in January of 2019. She was then promoted to Accounting Assistant I in June of 2020. Maimie spends her days managing the District's Accounts Receivables/Payables and helping with the front desk. Working at the District these past two years, she has seen the growth of Rancho Murieta which she enjoys providing customer service to the residents of the community. The best thing that has happened to her since joining the District was her promotion and the opportunity to continue to learn new things every day. She is wildly in love with her husband, Gary, and loves going camping with him and her two sweet French Bulldogs.



### February 2021 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Received Legislative Updates from California Special District Association
- Adopted Policy P2021-02 Body Worn Camera Policy
- Approved Contract with True North, Inc. for Security Opinion Poll Services

### DECEMBER 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Communications & Technology Committee

- The spreadsheet to keep track of District issues was discussed
- Options for a NextDoor account were discussed
- The Reservoir Information and Education Ad Hoc Committee was discussed
- Committee Members received the Quarterly Outreach and Technology Update

#### Security Committee

- Reviewed Policy P2021-02 Body Worn Camera Policy
- Discussed Security Opinion Poll

#### Improvements Committee

- Discussed Conditions of Approval for the Riverview Project
- Discussed historic levels of water in the Reservoirs
- Discussed Laguna Joaquin
- The Reservoir Information and Education Ad Hoc Committee was discussed
- Reviewed District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan

#### Finance Committee

- Discussed FY 2021-22 Budget Schedule
- Reviewed Reserve Study RFQ
- Discussed Security Service Opinion RFQ
- Decided a Mid-Year Budget Review was not necessary

## Board of Directors

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## A Monthly Newsletter

**March 2021**

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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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### DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

MG- Lot 10 (PDF Office)—Plans have been submitted to Coastland Engineering for signatures.

MG—Lot 9 (Taco Bell) - The Developer reports this project has been approved by CPAC. The owner intends to sell the property, at which point the new owner will submit a project application packet. They are seeking final county zoning approval.

MG – Lot 11 (Circle K Gas Station/carwash) - Plans comments have been finalized and have been provided back to Coastland Engineering for final signature.

MG—Legacy Villa’s & Suites project – The Improvement plans are completed and signed. No word yet has been given as to a start date.

Riverview— Coastland and Sacramento County are reviewing the plans. The Development is planning to grade the entire site. They have set up a construction trailer.

Rancho Murieta Airport - Work on this project continues.

Retreats East and North - The project reports it is being re-designed by the Developer for potential buyers. Nothing has been provided to the District for review.

Rancho Murieta North—The project reports they will soon complete their traffic study and the greenhouse gas study is expected in March.

FAA Business Park—This project is nearly complete.

*Detailed Updates can be found on our website:*

### FIX A LEAK WEEK ~ March 15 - 21, 2021

Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste more than a trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year we hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week. Remember that you can find and fix leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you are wasting water and then identify the source of the leak. Here are some tips for finding leaks:

- Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four (4) exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.
- The vast majority of leaks can be eliminated by retrofitting a household with new WaterSense labeled fixtures and other high-efficiency appliances.

### DEER CREEK/SCOTT ROAD CROSSING STREAM GAUGE

Here is the link to check the stream level of Deer Creek and Scott Road due to rains and possible flooding.



[http://www.sacflood.org/sensor.php?site\\_id=1133&device\\_id=7&view\\_id=1](http://www.sacflood.org/sensor.php?site_id=1133&device_id=7&view_id=1)

# COMMUNITY FORUM

## What's Happening?

That is a big question in Rancho Murieta because there is a lot happening. We are tackling old and new problems. Our community is close to 60 years old. So much has changed in that time:

1. Water-We are experiencing climate change with questions each year about water...Is there enough now, will there be enough tomorrow? How do we manage the complexities of our system and provide quality water? What is the state of California going to do?

2. Infrastructure – In a 60 year old community everything will need replacing eventually. Reserve funding is the RMCS D Board's number one priority. How do we make sure the reserves are there to take care of those needs?

3. Development - It is happening right now. Three developers are in various stages of build-out. What does this mean? More traffic inside and outside of the gates, more security and safety issues, strain on our water and reservoir system, possible elimination of the open space area to development.

Yes, it is overwhelming sometimes. The good news is that you have a CSD Board, Staff, and General Manager that are truly working diligently to manage these issues with transparency and efficiency. We are working as hard as we can to fix what's broken and prepare for the future. We are anxious to work together with RMA on issues we can manage....it is one Community.

How can the residents help make this a community we are proud of that runs efficiently and effectively?

Pay attention to what is happening – We have several ways you can get accurate information:

Our website, the Pipeline, contact the General Manager or a Board Member, come to the Committee Meetings and the District Board Meetings (currently on Zoom - you don't have to leave your house). We also have audio recordings of meetings accessible on the website plus Facebook and NextDoor pages for outgoing info only.

Cooperate- Know the Rules (CC&R's) and abide by them. Stop speeding, observe rules for carts and NEV's (you must have a valid driver's license), Be respectful of our Reservoir's...**It's your everything water** (with limited recreation).

**RESPECT Security Rules and patrol. Be a Respectful Neighbor and Resident**

## SECURITY REMINDERS

**Rancho Murieta Association Rule Violations.** Speeding and stop sign violations by you and/or your guests are subject to Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) fines. The speed limit for golf carts is 10 miles per hour and other vehicles 25 miles per hour. Overloaded golf carts or unsafe usage, such as towing skate-boarders or bikers, are also subject to RMA fines.

**Worker Access Through the Gates.** Workers are **ONLY** allowed access through the gates Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **No workers are permitted Sunday, and Holidays.**

**Information needed:** From February 18 to 20, 2021 we experienced a rash of vandalisms throughout the District. Vandals have caused thousands of dollars in damage. This includes vandals throwing items into Lake Calero and Lake Chesbro, our drinking water sources. **Any person who violates the RMCS D Water Code is subject to fines and other legal remedies.** We are requesting anyone who may have information on these criminal activities to contact the RMCS D Security Department at (916) 354-3710. This can be done anonymously if needed.

## WE'RE HIRING!

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



**Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14, 2021 Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour**

## 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.**