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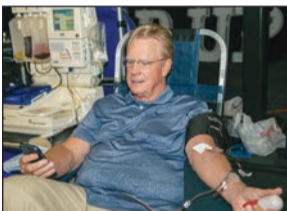
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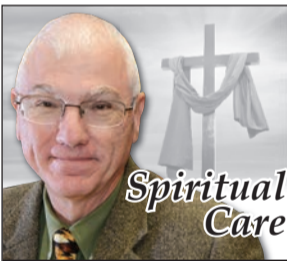
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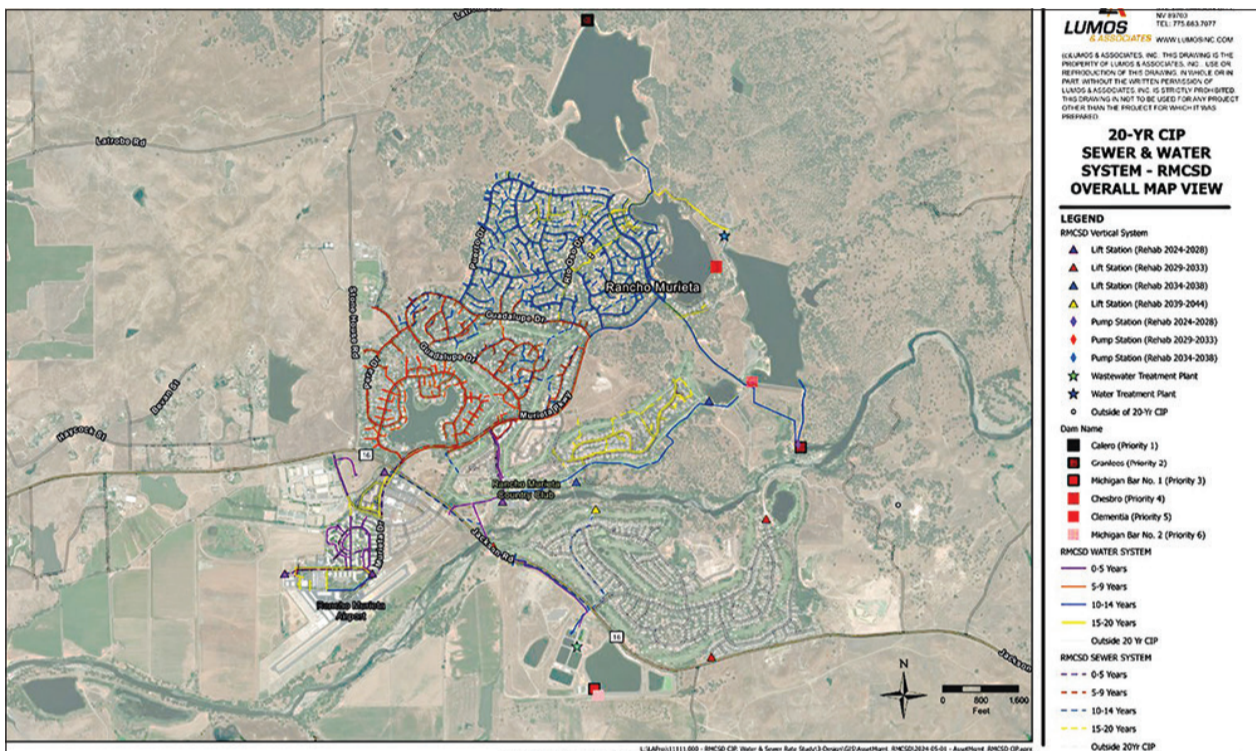
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RM Infrastructure Costs Far Exceed Reserves



A map depicts capital improvement projects needed to update Rancho Murieta's aging infrastructure over the next 20 years with an estimated replacement cost of \$191 million. It was presented to the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Board meeting on May 15. Courtesy photo

**By Gail Bullen
River Valley Times Reporter**

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - A discrepancy between what it would cost the Rancho Murieta Community Service District to replace the community's aging infrastructure in today's dollars and what it has in its reserves to pay for it was highlighted when the board met on May 15.

The alarming data revealing that the current replacement cost would be \$191 million when the district has

only \$12.5 million in reserves came from two sources. The first was a report from a consultant presenting the draft "RMCSO 20 Year Capital Improvement Planning Project." The second came from a Community Service District administrator during a later budget discussion about the reserves. (See the separate story in this issue about the proposed 2024/25 budget and rate increases.)

To complete the picture, another consultant reviewed funding options for major projects that ranged from

raising user rates to applying for low-cost loans.

Capital improvement plan
Cami Jackson, a civil engineer with Lumos & Associates in El Dorado Hills, summarized the 20-year plan outlining large capital projects and their timelines and costs. It includes seven lift and pump stations, the water treatment and wastewater buildings, six dams and 471,000 linear feet of sewer and water pipes.

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CSD Board Considers 12% Rate Increase

**By Gail Bullen
River Valley Times
Reporter**

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - Unlike two years ago, when a sizable protest halted a proposed rate increase by the Rancho Murieta Community Services District (CSD), this year's budget process has proceeded smoothly.

Only six residents filed objections before this year's deadline, which was the May 15 board meeting. Additionally, no one requested to speak during the public hearings on the proposed water, sewer, and solid waste rates. Hearings were not required for the security and drainage taxes, as these cannot increase by more than 2% per year.

Although the board won't officially approve the 2024-25 budget until June 5, the directors addressed the preliminaries that included waiving a first reading of the ordinance and taking a budget presentation from Director of Finance and Administration Mark Matulich.

Following direction by four board members at the April meeting, Matulich prepared a "balanced budget" with approximately \$9.2 million in revenues. Director Stephen Booth preferred an alternative that would have reduced the proposed rate increase to 9.77% by using some property taxes.

Under the proposed "balanced" budget, the average customer inside the gates will see their user rates increase by 12%, amounting to an additional \$29.36 per month. This budget ensures that all funds, including water, wastewater, drainage, solid waste and security, remain solvent.

Additionally, it allows for all \$925,000 of the anticipated property tax revenue to be deposited into the district's underfunded reserves, which are used for the repair and replacement of infrastructure.

Matulich noted that figures for the "balanced budget" were the same as those he presented at the April meeting with the only difference being the addition of a fourth patrol position in security.

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Plant Sale Grows a Crowd in RMA Parking Lot



Jack, 5, and Brady, 2, show Dani Martel the Mother's Day presents they just created for her. They were at the plant sale presented by the River Valley Garden Club Plant in the RMA Building parking lot on May 11. Photo by Gail Bullen

**By Gail Bullen
River Valley Times
Reporter**

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - Billed as a "Plant Sale Extravaganza," the event lived up to its name when the River Valley Garden Club opened for business in the RMA Building parking lot on May 11.

Garden Club President Deb Rooney was

overwhelmed with the response.

"It was more than we could have imagined," she said. "I'm so appreciative of the community and with everyone in the club pitching in."

Among the attendees was Debrah Sharrington, who praised the sale.

"Events like these are part of the reason we moved here," Sharrington

said.

Two components of the sale were directly tied to Mother's Day, which fell the following day. Flower arrangements filled two folding tables, thanks to the efforts of three club members the night before. Within an hour after the sale began, half of the arrangements were gone.

A children's activity table provided

materials so that 25 earnest youngsters could create a Mother's Day gift.

"It was so cute to watch them decorate their pots, pick out their plants, write their mom's name on the card, and put on the stickers," Rooney said.

Although few, the raffle prizes were so top-notch that ticket sales were brisk. The pièce de résistance

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CSD Consultant Questioned About Water Study

By Gail Bullen
River Valley Times
Reporter

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Murieta Community Services District (CSD) Board meeting on May 15 likely provided a preview of the upcoming May 30 town hall on the Integrated Water Master Plan (IWMP).

During the meeting, two directors and several audience members raised questions about the water supply options proposed by consultants. These options aim to ensure the community will have adequate water to support development over the next 20 years, considering the impacts of climate change and drought.

The options discussed included converting Lake Clementia into a potable water reservoir, digging wells and increasing the use of recycled water to offset potable water needs. Previous extreme drought scenarios also assumed a 30% conservation rate.

Another topic of discussion was a state law requiring communities such as Rancho Murieta to have a backup water supply, which it currently lacks.

Background

Two engineers, Lisa Maddaus and Dan Scalas, are leading the Integrated Water Master Plan preparation.

Maddaus brings considerable experience to the study, as her California-based firm has undertaken numerous water studies, and she has authored textbooks on the topic. She also assisted in preparing the district's 2010 water plan.

Scalas, from Adkins Engineering in Klamath Falls, Oregon, conducted sonar surveys of the Calero and Chesbro reservoirs, revealing that both contain less water than previously estimated. Although Scalas participated remotely in both the April and May



A packed audience gathers for the Rancho Murieta Community Services District board meeting on May 15, drawn by a discussion on the Integrated Water Master Plan. Among those addressing the board is Maryjane Fatigati. Photos by Gail Bullen

meetings, Maddaus presented their findings to the board in person.

The Integrated Water Master Plan is being developed in three phases: water supply, water demand and options. The first two phases are already available in a story map format on the district's website.

In April, Maddaus presented the third phase's initial findings. She outlined various scenarios, including converting Lake Clementia into a drinking water reservoir and digging wells, all based on the assumption of increased recycled water usage.

Maddaus said their analysis did not incorporate water conservation measures to reduce water demand, even though such measures would be the cheapest to implement and are likely to be required by state regulations.

May 15 meeting

Speaking at the May 15 meeting, Maddaus sought feedback to develop the story map for the third phase of the study.

"We are into the phase where we get to put together the numbers together with the supplies and demands under various demands," she said. "As you look at the water balance, you can see some options to bring up the reliability in the ability to meet existing future demands...Then, we will come up with costs."

Maddaus also reminded the board that Rancho Murieta currently lacks a backup supply as mandated by Senate Bill 552.

Board comments

Director Linda Butler

initiated the board discussion by asking Maddaus a question she didn't specifically answer: "If what we have been presented is not feasible, what are our choices?"

President Tim Maybee identified several issues. The first concerned the "shall" in SB 552.

"We need to consult legal counsel for their interpretation," he said. "The other issue is distinguishing between what is practical today versus what will be practical down the road."

Maybee said another driving factor would be a 2014 financing service agreement (FSA) outlining the district's commitment to the developers. Later in the meeting, Maybee said that it would likely face lawsuits from developers or a community member, regardless of the district's decision.

Maybee also questioned whether groundwater would be the answer. After the 2010 Integrated Water Master Plan was issued, the district conducted about five groundwater inspections.

"They basically came up with what Mr. Wheeler stated would happen. The board at that point stopped it," Maybee said.

Earlier in the meeting, retired geology professor Greg Wheeler read a letter describing two geological formations beneath the community.

"Even if a suitable aquifer can be found in this area, the cost of drilling is very high, the amount of water will be very limited and availability is regulated by the state," Wheeler wrote. "I can't imagine the

state approving anything that would withdraw water at the rate proposed."

Maddaus said she would need further clarification about the earlier inspections noting that a 300-foot test well in 2013 produced groundwater and the district was prepared to go to bid. However, due to the high costs of the bids, the project was put on hold.

Maddaus recommended that the district commission an engineering planning report as the next step toward developing a well.

Booth asked Maddaus to confirm whether the community's current water system would support all of the anticipated demand in the absence of a drought.

Maddaus responded that it would in an average year under normal conditions. She explained that the consultants utilized data from dry years, specifically 2021, 2022 and 2023, for their analysis. However, in an extreme drought, the current water supply wouldn't sustain buildout without water augmentation.

"You say in an extreme drought but how do we define the point where our supply no longer provides for the demand," director Stephen Booth asked her.

Maddaus said she hadn't calculated that point but had the data to do so.

Booth also inquired about using Lake Clementia as a drinking water source, expressing skepticism about its feasibility.

"In order to use Clementia, we would have to obtain permits, revise our license, develop infrastructure and probably

modify our plant to handle the raw water from the lake," he said.

Maddaus told Booth that she would refer him to the district's water rights expert for further details regarding the permits and licenses needed for utilizing Lake Clementia.

Booth expressed concerns about the viability of a groundwater well, noting feedback from ranchers, farmers, and landowners around Rancho Murieta indicating that the groundwater isn't sufficient to meet their relatively smaller demands.

Additionally, Booth questioned the rationale behind the increased use of recycled water, particularly with regard to a proposal involving the country club tapping raw water from the river for irrigation instead of utilizing all of the recycled water produced by the district.

Maddaus acknowledged that many questions remain unanswered.

"But it doesn't mean we can't put together a good, most feasible plan for you at this time with the next steps," Maddaus said. "Our job is to get you the best numbers on supply and the best numbers on demand, and then give you the most feasible options."

Director Randy Jenco queried Maddaus about the changes since the 2010 water plan, which had concluded that the community would have sufficient water.

Maddaus responded, saying the 2010 board had authorized the use of Clementia as a water source because it aligned with the original master plan for the community. She added that the state had provided different guidance regarding drinking water at that time. Furthermore, the 2010 plan had recommended augmenting the water supply with wells, a strategy that boards had initially pursued but later abandoned.

Audience comments

During the audience

comments, seven attendees yielded their time to Janis Eckard, who highlighted what she perceived as "inaccuracies" in the study concerning water demand, recycled water and conservation.

Maybee asked that she submit her list of questions to masterplan@rmcsd.com so they could be addressed at the town hall. Eckard mentioned that she had submitted a similar set of questions in March of the previous year and had received an email from Maybee stating that he had directed staff not to respond to her questions except during meetings.

Another speaker was Maryjane Fatigati, who said, "The board will be negligent in its duties if this faulty and highly misleading study is used as a basis to move forward."

Jay Hannum, identifying himself as a water industry contractor, expressed gratitude to the board for their efforts regarding the water situation, noting that they did not create the situation. Hannum suggested another alternative could be laying a pipe from the Eldorado Irrigation District or Folsom. He also mentioned that digging a well would cost millions.

Toward the end of the discussion, Maddaus reassured everyone that she was approaching the study as if she lived in Rancho Murieta.

She emphasized that the consultants were striving to provide the community with options.

"We are really trying not to leave you in a situation where you are forced to shut off all of your irrigation," Maddaus said. "Other communities do that. They are willing to risk their landscapes because of the costs...So you have choices."

The May 30 town hall will be held at the Rancho Murieta Country Club and will begin at 6 p.m. Questions can be submitted before the meeting at masterplan@rmcsd.com. ★

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ETC Awards Grants to Support the Arts at Three Local Schools

By Gail Bullen
River Valley Times
Reporter

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - Entertainment, Theatre & Culture for Rancho Murieta (ETC) has awarded grants to support art programs at three schools.

Entertainment, Theatre & Culture philanthropy chairman Stephanie Stanislaus delivered \$1,000 checks on May 10 to Katherine L. Albani Middle School and on May 14 to Pleasant Grove High School and Cosumnes River Elementary.

At Katherine L. Albani Middle School, drama teacher Michelle Campbell gleefully accepted the check as her colorfully costumed students beamed with approval.

She will use the funds to help pay for costumes and sets for their production of "Beauty and the Beast Junior."

Gabriel Sandoval, the drama teacher at PGHS, will use the Entertainment, Theatre & Culture grant to help cover performing rights and to purchase microphones and



As her drama students applaud, Katherine L. Albani Middle School teacher Michelle Campbell accepts a \$1,000 check from Stephanie Stanislaus on May 10. Campbell will use the money for props and costumes. Stanislaus is the philanthropy chair of the Entertainment Theatre & Culture for Rancho Murieta (ETC). Photos by Gail Bullen



Cast members participate in a dress rehearsal for 'Beauty and the Beast Junior,' which was presented at the middle school on May 10 and 11.



Kindergartners sing and dance to "Come Eliza" as their teacher watches.

costumes.

Beth Wathen, a kindergarten teacher at Cosumnes River Elementary School, plans to combine the Entertainment, Theatre & Culture funds with a grant she recently obtained to purchase a new kiln

for the school. Principal Mike Blomquist described Wathen as the "artist in residence" at the school.

Currently, Wathen has her students work with modeling clay until they can get a kiln. "I love using the kiln because the kids

can be creative, and what they make lasts and doesn't break," she said.

Before presenting the check at each location, Stanislaus explained the Entertainment, Theatre & Culture mission to the students.

"Our goal is to keep the arts alive in the community," she said.

Stanislaus emphasized the importance of art in schools.

"Art is really important because it teaches you so many things," she said. "To me, the biggest thing is when you have an art class, you love coming to class, even if you are sick."



Pleasant Grove High School thespians look on as Stanislaus presents a \$1,000 check to substitute teacher Micaela Muro Dimos and Principal Taigan Keplinger. They accepted the check on behalf of drama teacher Gabriel Sandoval, who will use the money for new stage equipment.

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The written budget message prepared by General Manager Mimi Morris provided more details about the security position, although she wasn't able to attend the board meeting.

Morris said the security fund is expected to have a modest surplus of \$24,000 in the next fiscal year due to two factors.

The most significant was the

recalibration of administrative overhead, which resulted in a \$387,000 decrease from the upcoming budget compared to the fiscal year 2023/24.

Another factor was a decision "to flatten out the security organization chart by not replacing the security director position and instead having a lead gate officer and a patrol sergeant manage day-to-day operations," she said.

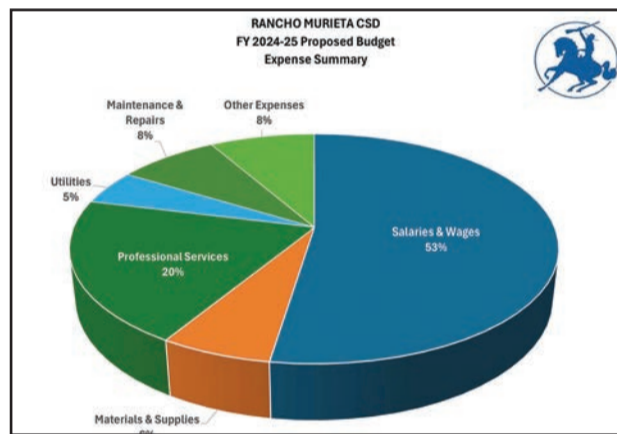
The changes left enough room in

the budget to add a fourth full-time patrol officer in the 2024/24 budget.

"It's not quite 24/7 coverage, but it is close," Matulich told the board.

In other business:

- The board voted to transfer the wooden bridge to the Rancho Murieta Association after years of difficulties in making it happen.
- Approved a contract with the union that represents most of the district's employees.



A Rancho Murieta Community Services District graph shows the breakdown of \$9.1 million in expenditures for the proposed 2024/25 budget. Courtesy photo

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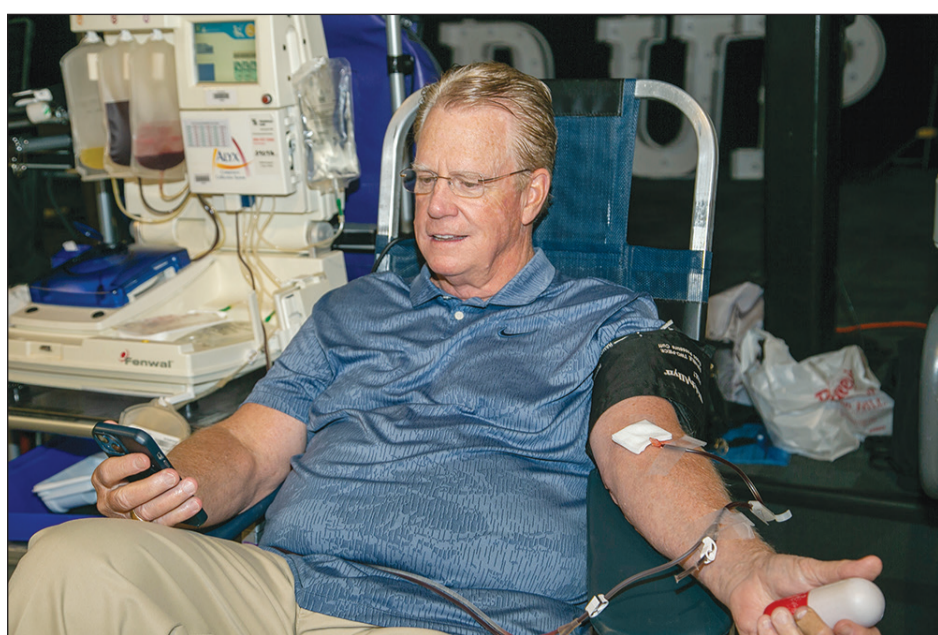
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Vitalant Collects 74 Pints in Community Blood Drive



A community blood drive sponsored by the Rancho Murieta Women's Club attracted 73 participants to the Rancho Murieta Community Church on April 29. Vitalant, the local blood bank, collected 58 whole blood donations and eight Power Red donations, each equivalent to two donations, totaling 74 pints. In the right photo, Andy Reed donated O-negative blood, which is negative for the CMV virus. Donors such as Reed are deemed "Heroes for Babies" because their blood is considered the safest for premature and newborn babies. In the photo above, the church's worship area was transformed into a donation center. Photos by Gail Bullen



RM Infrastructure Costs Far Exceed Reserves

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Jackson said the majority of pipe to be replaced over the next 20 years is asbestos cement pipe that was installed between 1969 and 1988. She also provided a chart listing the needed improvements in five-year intervals.

Jackson said the total cost to replace the sewer and water systems and to rehabilitate the dams in the current year would be \$191 million. However, the total cost to replace the system at the end of its useful life would be \$255 million. To meet this future cost, the district should begin saving \$17 million a year. Jackson indicated she calculated this figure without considering the existing water and sewer fund reserves.

Regarding the reserves, Director of Finance of Administration Mark Matulich reported that the district currently has \$12.5 million in reserves. But that figure will increase under the proposed 2024/25 budget, which would direct another \$2.57 million into the reserves. On the other hand, the staff has recommended spending \$3.6 million for capital projects for the next fiscal year, although the board won't make the final funding decision until the July board meeting. The priority projects include replacing chlorine with bleach at the treatment plants, rehabilitating a sewer lift station and making safety improvements at the Granlee's Dam forebay.

Jackson said after the district's engagement of her firm last fall, she collaborated with Plant Operator Travis Bohannon to conduct a multi-day field investigation to produce a summary of all of the above and below-ground water and sewer systems. After working with staff to develop installation dates, they prepared an asset inventory that identifies the age and replacement costs for district facilities at the conclusion of their useful life.

Jackson explained she used a strictly age-based approach for the analysis. The other option would involve a qualitative evaluation of the actual condition of the facilities.

"The numbers you see in your board packet can seem imposing and rather high. But I want to encourage everyone to consider that this is just an age-based approach," she said. "As we work with the district to identify areas and specific concerns where we have frequent water main breaks or sewer clogging issues, we will be able to refine the recommendations for improvement so the cost of the plan may go down."

Jackson said that Operations Director Michael Fritschi recently asked Lumos to add an evaluation of the community's dams to the plan. She explained that Lumos has dam engineers in its Reno office who evaluated last winter's inspection records by the state Division of Safety of Dams. Based on the review, they put together a list of recommended maintenance activities and rehabilitation costs for her report. However, she also recommended a geotechnical investigation, which could uncover additional problems with the dams that weren't listed in her draft report.

Jackson emphasized the importance of the district proactively addressing the replacement cost of Granlee's Dam, which is more than 100 years old and exhibits a significant transverse crack along with a seepage issue.

"It's a critical component of the potable water supply system," she said. "None of us want it to fail before we are able to replace it."

Regarding Calero Dam, Jackson noted recent indications of a significant change in the seepage emanating from the pumping station. While it could potentially be attributed to a malfunctioning seepage

monitor, she recommended conducting an evaluation to ascertain the cause.

That prompted a question from President Tim Maybee.

"At any point during this report is there going to be a ray of sunshine for us," Maybee asked.

Jackson responded by noting that there was a "high chance" the costs could decrease if they evaluated the condition of the sewer and water systems to determine if they could extend their useful life instead of solely relying on the age-based approach.

Later in the meeting, director Martin Pohl asked whether a condition assessment was in her current scope of work. She replied it wasn't but said Bohannon is "actively performing condition assessments on a couple of key areas within the district that he will be sharing with us."

Financing options

Following her initial presentation, Jackson introduced economic consultant Catherine Hansford, saying she would talk about capital improvement costs and how districts can manage them. Additionally, Hansford will be tasked with conducting a rate study for the district later this year.

In her rate studies, Hansford examines revenue requirements to ensure that both the sewer and water funds are self-sufficient to cover operational and maintenance costs. She explained that rates cover the rehabilitation and replacement expenses of projects to enhance capacity for existing customers, while connection fees finance the expansion of capacity in rehabilitated assets and new assets intended to serve future customers.

If rates and connection fees fall short of funding essential infrastructure repairs, Hansford said, the district must consider increasing rates and fees



Cami Jackson, a civil engineer with Lumos & Associates, delivers the grim news about infrastructure costs. Photos by Gail Bullen



Consultant Catherine Hanford explains options to finance infrastructure costs.

to finance the projects directly, seek loans—most likely from sources such as the United States Department of Agriculture or the California State Revolving Fund — pursue grants and explore the creation of alternative financing mechanisms, especially for projects that primarily benefit a specific subset of customers.

Director Linda Butler expressed satisfaction that a large audience (41 people) had attended the meeting that night, though nearly all were present for the discussion about the Integrated Water Master Plan. (Refer to the separate story in this issue about the water discussion).

"We have been saying for three or four years that the infrastructure is falling apart," Butler said. "While I am not happy about the confirmation, it is helpful to let ratepayers know we are telling the truth."

Director Randy Jenco asked Hansford if she would return with financing or a fee study to bring the district up to par. Hansford replied that she would start by considering

a scenario in which the district would not take out a loan, as it has never done so before.

Jenco said that setting aside \$17 million a year for replacement costs wasn't going to happen. "How do you say, well, this is good enough, and below this, you're in trouble," he asked her. "What's the process then?"

Hansford explained that it would involve a back-and-forth discussion regarding the financial implications.

"Then you narrow it down to what is absolutely critical within your system that must be addressed," she said.

Inquiring about the sequence of events if the district pursues a loan from the USDA, Pohl asked whether the loan or a rate increase would be initiated first.

Hansford clarified that the primary consideration would be whether the USDA water and wastewater loan program has received a sufficient allocation from the federal government. "Then we would look at

incorporating the USDA loan into the rate model because they will require you to have your rates in place before they finalize the loan," she said.

Director Stephen Booth inquired about utilizing a bond measure as a financing tool. Hansford responded that a bond would incur "considerably higher costs" compared to a loan.

She said that obtaining a loan from the state's revolving fund would be the most cost-effective option.

The summary by Lumos and Hansford's PowerPoint presentation are available in the packet for the May 15 board meeting, accessible on the district's website.

Prior studies

The district had previously commissioned two reserve studies by Reserve Associates. The most recent one, conducted in 2021, estimated that the district had only 30% of the reserves necessary to complete repairs in a timely manner for all cost centers, including administration, water, sewer, drainage, and security, but not solid waste. According to the same report, the district required \$10.8 million to fully fund water reserves and \$10 million for sewer reserves.

While the Lumos consultant did not delineate replacement costs by sewer, water, or dams in her draft report, the estimated costs would be astronomically higher than those outlined in the 2021 reserve study.

Comments made at the 2021 board meeting indicated that Reserve Associates had also conducted a more limited reserve study for the Community Service District in 2016. However, this study sat on a shelf unused.

Additionally, previous boards did not adhere to a reserve study policy that was adopted in 2012. ★



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Scout Troop Slates Retirement Ceremony on Memorial Day

Scout Troop 633 will retire worn and tattered U.S. flags on Memorial Day on Monday, May 27 in a ceremony at Lake Calero beginning at 6 p.m.

A bagpiper will participate. Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta sponsors the troop, which has conducted a flag ceremony for 17 years

Memorial Day Observance in Wilton

Join us once again Monday, May 27 at the Wilton Community Center for Wilton's 29th Observance of Memorial Day.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10.

Along with traditional proceedings, the Wilton History Group will be presenting its Military Display.

Wilton Firefighters' Association will also be serving a hot dog lunch for a nominal fee.

For more information, please call (916) 712-2666.

ETC to Offer Scholarship Essay Contest

Entertainment, Theatre & Culture for Rancho Murieta (ETC) is sponsoring its annual essay contest for graduating high school seniors who live in Rancho Murieta North or South.

The winner will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship, which will go directly to the college or trade school she or he will attend in the fall of 2024 or spring of 2025 for application toward tuition and fees.

Essays must address one of three questions:

1. How have Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Social Media influenced the arts for the better or for the worse?
2. What is it about the arts that sets your soul on fire?
3. How do the arts (dance, music, visual art, theater) and cultural events improve our society?

Essays must be 550 to 600 words in length and entries must be postmarked by May 30. The contest winner will be announced on July 27 at Lake Clementia

amphitheater prior to the concert.

The application form with contest rules is available at the Rancho Murieta Association Building or by request at stephslaus2@ranchomurieta.org.

Entertainment, Theatre & Culture is a nonprofit organization of volunteers that provides entertainment events for the Rancho Murieta community.

In addition to giving back to the Rancho Murieta community through the Entertainment, Theatre & Culture Essay Contest Scholarship Program, Entertainment, Theatre & Culture has contributed to numerous community causes including Cosumnes River Little League and Summerfest.

For more information about the scholarship program or other Entertainment, Theatre & Culture philanthropic efforts, contact Stephanie Stanislaus, philanthropy chair at 916-354-0901.

Horse Expo June 7-9 at Equestrian Center

The Murieta Equestrian Center will host the annual Western States Horse Expo on June 7 through June 9.

Celebrate the horse with top clinicians, world-class special events and tons of shopping.

Buy tickets at www.horsexpo.com. A single day ticket is \$30 and a three-day ticket is \$70.

Family Movie Night in Rancho Murieta

The Family Movie Nights Series will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 14673 Cantova Way in Rancho Murieta.

Mark your calendars for Fridays, May 31, June 28 and July 26. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Delicious food will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m., so there's no need to rush dinner.

The movie magic begins at 6 p.m. Kids are welcome to wear pajamas and bring snuggle essentials. This is a family affair, so no drop-offs.

Although it is free, tickets are required. Sign up on Eventbrite AT tinyurl.com/4spzywmp. The sponsors are the

church,

The Grove Youth Ministry, the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta, Entertainment, Theatre & Culture for Rancho Murieta (ETC), and Knights of Columbus.

CSD Board to Meet Two Weeks Early in June

The next monthly meeting of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Board is slated at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5.

The date is two weeks earlier than

usual, and the time is an hour earlier than usual.

Caregiver Support Group to Meet June 6

The monthly meeting of the Rancho Murieta Caregiver Support Group is the first Wednesday of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the RMA Building.

Confidentiality is respected. The next meeting is June 6.

For more information, call Nan Parquette at 916-354-2281. ★

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't Trust the RMA

Editor's note: Letters to the editor represent the opinions of their writers. They do not represent the views of the River Valley Times or its staff, and their publication is not an endorsement of their content.

Editor:

My wife and I were recently shocked by the fraud and favoritism shown by the RMA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

We asked ARC approval to build a 40-foot privacy screen using white vinyl lattice. They said that "white vinyl was not an approved product" and we were required to use redwood lattice which we did. They also recommended clear coat. We spent \$700 to paint the lattice white because (1) we asked for white (2) clear coat was a recommendation (3) the CC&Rs (Article IV, Section 2i) require lattice to be in the color family of the structure (our house is white) and (4) most RM residents have lattice painted to match their house.

Our neighbor had the ARC staff issue his good friend a fraudulent stop work order (SWO) because he didn't want the lattice painted white. The staff lied in the SWO by saying we were required to use

clear coat then lied again by stating "the painting of the lattice is in violation of the CC&Rs ..." (later the board chair committed fraud in his letter when he changed "white vinyl" to "white material" to cover redwood).

We appealed the fraudulent SWO to the RMA general manager, the ARC and the RMA Board. The ARC required us to waste the \$700 white paint job which matched our house and repaint the lattice gray to match our trim. At the board appeal, we planned on discussing the issues with the staff in front of the board. They excluded the staff, asked no questions, and upheld the ARC order. In six months, not one RMA representative in the entire organization would look us in the eye and talk about staff fraud.

Many residents have negative views of ARC staff as self-important and non-helpful which results in their making improvements without asking for the CC&R required approval. As an example, ARC prohibits use of white vinyl lattice. This lattice has been used in the past and presently (white and painted) all over RM North.

The behavior of the RMA defeats the purpose of the CC&Rs.

— Wendell Coon

ROBERT (BOB) IRELAN • 3/10/1937 – 4/28/2024

Robert (Bob) Irelan 87, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. His son Jon and daughter-in-law Melissa were by his side. He was preceded in

death by his father and mother, Charles and Julia Irelan, his brother, Charles, his wife Barbara, his son Bob Jr., and his Grandson Dylan. Bob was born in Takoma Park, Maryland on March 10, 1937, and lived in Maryland for the first 31 years of his life. He attended the University of Maryland, graduating in 1960 with a degree in Journalism.

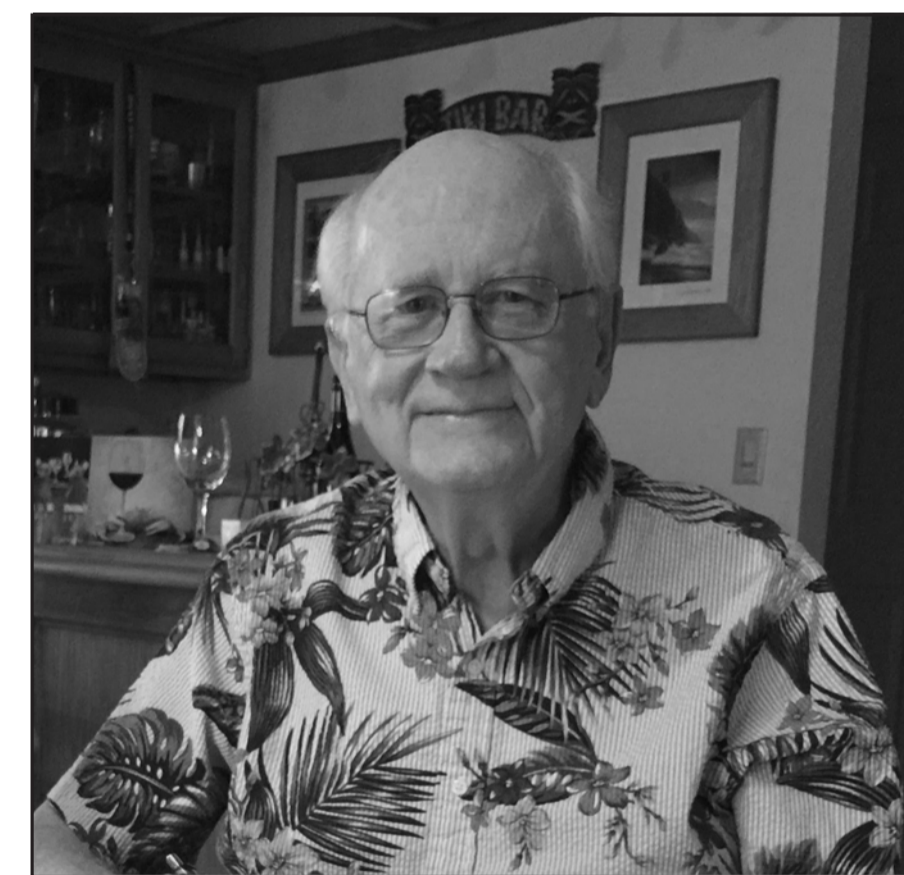
Set up by a college buddy, Bob met his beloved wife Barbara, on a blind date. They had two sons, Bob Jr., and Jon. They shared nearly 50 years of marriage before her passing in 2008.

Their love story was one of true partnership, companionship, and unwavering devotion. Following 10 years in journalism, writing, and editing for newspapers and magazines, including stints at The Wall Street Journal and Nation's Business magazine in Washington DC, Bob spent

32 years in public relations for a Fortune 500 family of companies. In his retirement, he taught public relations classes at the University of the Pacific and University of California, Davis. The

Sacramento Public Relations Association honored him with its "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2005. Bob continued his talent for writing and storytelling by authoring two novels after the age of 80 as well as publishing several short stories. He was a proud member of Northern California

Publishers and Authors. Bob was always reading a new book along with multiple newspapers



and magazines. He was constantly cutting out articles of interest for his family to read, saving them for when he saw them, or sending them through the mail. Though maybe not fully appreciated at the time, his children and grandchildren were better off from this thoughtful gesture. In 1998 Bob and Barbara retired to peaceful Rancho Murieta, CA. Their shared love for golf and the community made it the perfect place to settle down. They cherished the lasting friendships they formed over the years.

Bob had a special place in his heart for Maui, where he and Barbara enjoyed many vacations.

The beauty of the island, the pristine golf courses, and the serenity of the ocean provided them with many happy memories. Bob loved animals, especially his two beloved cats Jocko and Bai who brought him joy and companionship. He also loved spoiling Jon and Melissa's various Golden Retrievers over the years (Dylan, Santana, Jagger, Marley, and Bowie) who enjoyed head scratches and cookies from Grandpa. A lover of nature and family traditions, Bob enjoyed spending time at the family cabin in Calaveras County. He was intensely interested in politics and wildlife protection. He enjoyed good food, books, dominos, movies, concerts, and live theater. In recent years, he often shared these interests with his dear friend, Judith Embree.

A die-hard Chicago Bears fan, Bob was a passionate and loyal supporter of his team through thick and thin. He reveled in the excitement of game day, cheering on his beloved Bears with unwavering enthusiasm and dedication. He fulfilled a lifelong dream of traveling to Chicago and seeing them play at Soldier Field in 2022. Throughout his life, Bob was very proud of his family, and provided them with his unwavering support, guidance, and unconditional love. His presence in their lives was a gift beyond measure, and his memory will forever be etched in their hearts. For most of the past 4 years

Bob lived with the challenges of cancer and he did so with grace. He wanted all to know that he loved his life, his family, and his many friends, and he was at peace.

He is survived by his son Jon, his daughter-in-law Melissa, his Godson Jack, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank the kind and professional staff at Carlton Senior Living in Sacramento, which he called home for the past 6 months. We would also like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to UC Davis Oncology and UC Davis Hospice for the kind and compassionate care that they provided. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later day to honor Bob's memory, share stories, and reminisce on the joy and love he brought to all who knew him. Details for the celebration will be shared with family, friends, and community members in the coming weeks.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to Northern Light School www.northernlightschool or a local animal shelter in honor of Bob's passion for education and love of animals.

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A garden cart brimming with gardening supplies is one of the raffle prizes at the "Plant Sale Extravaganza." Photos by Gail Bullen



Charlotte Nunez, 4, shows off the flower arrangement she picked out by herself. From left are other family members - Jared, Jessica, baby Madelyn and Jackson Nunez.



Attendees browse tables with plants that garden club members began growing in February.



Lynne Erpelding seeks advice about her ailing hydrangea from Master Gardener Pam McCabe.

Plant Sale Grows a Crowd in RMA Parking Lot

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was a donated garden bench planted with succulents by Peggy and Steve DeMello.

Another prize, a garden cart donated by Ace Hardware, was filled with gardening supplies donated by the club. Also in the drawing were a Japanese Maple, a Cara Cara orange tree and a combination of a framed print and a wine holder complete with a bottle of wine.

Speaking of wine, the

garden club also held a first-time silent auction of a half dozen bottles donated by two wineries.

Among the visitors seeking advice from one of two master gardeners on site was Lynn Erpelding, who appreciated the guidance about her ailing hydrangea. "This sale is amazing," she said. "I'm only sad that I didn't get here at 9 a.m."

The plant sale featured five tables of plants propagated by garden club members. Rooney said they began growing herbs,

tomatoes and other vegetables in February. More mature plants complemented the garden art displayed in another section of the sale.

Donations from commercial enterprises included a variety from Green Acres Nursery and a table full of succulents from Sturtz Ranch in Sloughhouse.

"But everything else was either propagated by the club, friends of the club or donated by the community," Rooney said.

Attendee Casey Ursery said the timing couldn't have been better.

"We just moved in last week and a lot of our plants died," Ursery said. "This will help us rebuild."

A week before the sale, club members converged on the home of Vice-President Nancy Compton for a planting party, Rooney said.

"We perked up some plants, repotted some plants, filled empty pots with plants and just had a really fun time doing it,"



A donated garden bench planted with succulents is a unique raffle prize.

Rooney said.

There were so many plants that they overflowed Compton's backyard and house, making cooking impossible.

"That's the wonderful thing about the garden club. Everyone pitches in and does what they can and it turns out wonderfully," Rooney said. ★

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Rain Dampens Wildfire Education Outreach



Although welcomed during wildfire season, heavy rain was a damper when Wildfire Community Preparedness Day was held in front of the Tractor Supply Store on May 4. The Rancho Murieta Regional Fire Safe Council sponsored the educational event that aims to raise awareness about wildfire safety. In the right photo, Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost, on the right, is among the visitors who stopped by the Fire Safe Council table where Eric and Karen Hoberg were stationed. In the photo above, waiting for the public at another table were forester Phyllis Banducci, on left, supervising a local fuel reduction project being funded by a \$4.5 million CAL FIRE grant and Brenna Howell, who coordinates the Sacramento County Fire Safe Council. The on-duty crew from the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Station 59 also participated in the event. Photos by Gail Bullen



In the photo above, waiting for the public at another table were forester Phyllis Banducci, on left, supervising a local fuel reduction project being funded by a \$4.5 million CAL FIRE grant and Brenna Howell, who coordinates the Sacramento County Fire Safe Council. The on-duty crew from the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Station 59 also participated in the event. Photos by Gail Bullen

One Dead in Wreck Near South Gate

By Gail Bullen
River Valley Times
Reporter

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - One driver died and two others were injured in a three-vehicle collision on Jackson Highway between the South Gate and the Cosumnes River at about 4:27 p.m. May 14. Traffic was snarled for hours.

California Highway Patrol Officer Trent Senter reported that the crash occurred when an Acura RDX traveling westbound veered into the eastbound lane. It collided with an oncoming Toyota Corolla and then deflected into a head-on collision with a Toyota Tacoma pickup, which was directly behind the Corolla.

The Acura driver sustained fatal injuries, while the Corolla and the Tacoma drivers suffered minor to

moderate injuries. Senter reported that a 56-year-old man from West Sacramento was driving the Acura, a 41-year-old man from Pioneer was driving the Corolla and a 25-year-old man from Sutter Creek was driving the Tacoma.

The Sacramento County Coroner's Office identified the fatality as Erik Casey Morris.

"Alcohol impairment is believed to be a factor in this collision," Senter said.

The eastbound lane of Jackson Highway was blocked for approximately three hours while CHP officers conducted an investigation and cleanup crews cleared the roadway. The South Gate entrance was also blocked for some time, according to Nextdoor posts.



Pictured are Charm winner Chris Pasek, left, and Putt winner Audrey Langstroth. Photo courtesy of Rancho Murieta Country Club Niner Women's Golf Group

player whose golf handicap improved the most during April.

That player was Patty Harris, whose handicap improvement factor was a full point moving downward. Patty's hard work paid off.

As the meeting continued, Tournament Chair Lili DuVal announced the best scores in the day's Charm and Putt competition. Immediate past Captain

Chris Pasek shot a net 30 to capture the Charm win, having played an amazing round of golf. Putting the ball only 13 times on the nine greens was newest member Audrey Langstroth.

Rancho Murieta Country Club members interested in joining the group can call or text captain Pamela O'Hern at 209-598-1160 or email plohern@sbcglobal.net.

GOLF SCORES

Niners Play 'How Low Can You Go?'

By Nancy Clevenger

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Murieta Country Club (RMCC) Niner Women's Golf Group recently held its monthly Charm and Putt competition.

The women played nine holes of golf and vied for the lowest net score and the fewest putts. The delightful spring weather and excellent course conditions allowed for very enjoyable golf.

In addition to the friendly competition, Captain Pamela O'Hern held the monthly meeting. During this

meeting, the success of last month's Niner Invitational, "Margaritas and Mulligans," was shared. It was deemed a most successful invitational, fielding 144 golfers from throughout Northern California. Nine holes on both the front and back of Rancho Murieta Country Club's North course were utilized for this highly popular event. A delicious breakfast and lunch were served to the entrants. Invitational Chair Cathy Niley congratulated her committees for their success.

Handicap Chair Barbara Armstrong announced the

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