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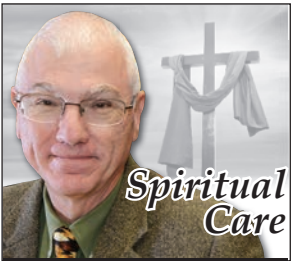
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## Water Tank Capacity Emerges as Another Development Issue



Whether the Rio Oso water tank has sufficient capacity to serve the Residences East and West subdivision in Rancho Murieta was a topic at the June 6 Rancho Murieta Community Services District Improvements Committee meeting. Photo by Gail Bullen

**By Gail Bullen  
River Valley Times  
Reporter**

**RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG)** - Water tank capacity emerged as a significant development issue at the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Improvements Committee meeting on June 6 that included the district's contract engineer, Joe Domenichelli.

Based on the preliminary discussion, the community's two water tanks – Rio

Oso and Van Vleck – and their respective distribution systems lack sufficient capacity to support future development.

The most immediate issue is the Rio Oso Tank, which has been draining quickly on hot days. It may not have enough water to serve all 198 lots in the Residences East and West (Residences) subdivision near Stonehouse Park, where preliminary construction has already begun.

Although a second

connection to the Van Vleck Tank is planned as a backup for the first phase of the subdivision with 68 lots, it wasn't clear from the discussion if the 130 homes in the second phase can get water. However, Bob Keil, one of the developers, indicated he may provide land for a new water tank. The other Residences developer is the investment group headed by Carol Anderson Ward.

Keil said it would be "catastrophic" if the

district couldn't supply water to lots that have already been sold.

A less immediate problem, according to Domenichelli, is that the proposed Rancho North development with 697 lots will require construction of another water tank, as will the total buildout of the Residences and the Riverview developments in Rancho Murieta South. He didn't mention the Retreats subdivision, which also is increasing water usage.

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## Months Delay for OK of Water Plan

**By Gail Bullen  
River Valley Times  
Reporter**

**RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG)** - A heavily criticized study forecasting Rancho Murieta's future water needs, the Integrated Water Master Plan, won't be completed anytime soon.

This update was provided by President Tim Maybee during the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Board's monthly meeting on June 5, which was held two weeks earlier than usual.

In addition to considerable discussion about the water study and a recent town hall meeting on the same topic, the board adopted the 2024/2025 budget with rate increases and acknowledged two recent resignations – District Counsel Andrew Ramos and Director of Operations Michael Fritsch.

### Background

Consulting engineers Lisa Maddaus and Dan Scalas are employing a data-based approach to develop the most recent iteration of a water study intended to forecast future water needs given climate change, drought, and upcoming development. Both engineers spoke at a town hall meeting on May 30 that drew more than 250 attendees. A summary of their work on the three-phase study – water supply, water demand, and water scenarios can be found on the district's website.

After briefly reviewing the first two phases, the consultants presented scenarios based on their analysis of the community's water supply under normal river flows and in a worst-case drought and how each condition would affect both current customers and projected numbers at full buildout as follows:

Current customers would have enough water in an average year, but it wouldn't meet a state requirement for communities like Rancho Murieta to have a backup water supply. At full buildout, the water supply would meet demand, although just barely.

In an extreme drought, current customers would barely have enough water even with an assumed 30% water cutback. At full buildout, the water system would fail. But with an augmented water supply, the community would have sufficient water in an extreme drought at full

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## Girl Power Engulfs Clementia Amphitheater



As the opening act in the ETC concert season, Who's That Girl – The Ultimate Diva Experience delivers a triple threat of song, dance and music at the Lake Clementia Amphitheater on June 15. Photo by Gail Bullen

**By Gail Bullen  
River Valley Times Reporter**

**RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG)** - It was all about girl power when Who's That Girl – The Ultimate Diva Experience took to the stage at Lake Clementia Amphitheater on June 15 in the first concert of the summer season presented by Entertainment, Theatre & Culture for Rancho Murieta (ETC).

The singers not only captured the energy of iconic female artists who have dominated the pop music scene for decades but a sea of little girls

crowded the stage during the entire performance. The adoring young fans seemed to know all of the lyrics, even to some songs recorded before they were born.

The synergy between the singers and the girls wasn't lost on ETC President Jane Rosetta. "The performers were very sweet and playful interacting with them," she said.

The rest of the audience wasn't left out either.

"It was a very entertaining show with the dance moves and glitzy costumes," Rosetta said. "We were

impressed with the musicians too. They really delivered."

Rosetta particularly enjoyed the tribute to Tina Turner.

The singers began the show with Madonna's signature songs "Vogue" and "Express Yourself." They followed with hits from icons such as Katie Perry, Whitney Houston, Cindy Lauper, Britney Spears, Joan Jett and Beyonce. Their performance was elevated by flashy choreography and dazzling costumes.

The crowd also appreciated the

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# Big Truck Event Draws Hundreds to Stonehouse Park

By Gail Bullen  
River Valley Times  
Reporter

**RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG)** - Designed to showcase some of the big trucks that help run the community, Big Truck Day drew a crowd to Upper Stonehouse Park on June 6.

Despite the onset of a heat wave, enthusiasm remained high for the event, which was geared toward children aged 2 to 6. Activities included digging in the sand with kid-sized excavators, blowing bubbles in the shade, visiting informational tables with fun activities, marveling at the heavy equipment and enjoying an iced drink or an early lunch.

As a bonus, the attendees could look across the street to see heavy equipment working as grading began in the Residences East and West subdivision.

Big Truck Day was sponsored by the Cosumnes River Activities League, a nonprofit organization founded by Rancho Murieta residents Matt and Meagan Bigaman to engage young people through empowering events. By the event's end, they had given away 210 of the 250 kid-sized hard hats.

"It was a huge success," Matt Bigaman said. "We were super happy with the community support."

One of the attendees was Oli Seagraves, who watched as his 2-year-old Coa operated a mini excavator in the sand trap.

"This is awesome," he said. "It's great for the kids to get a little dirty and to have some fun."

The sand trap and vendor Bubble Mania were the biggest hits, according to Bigaman. But the SMUD



Before trying them on, young attendees ask a Mule Creek Prison correctional officer about bulletproof vests and shields.



SMUD lineman Ryan Coulson shows Hudson Iverson how a hot stick works on overhead lines.

boom trucks also were a big attraction.

"SMUD was one of the biggest cash sponsors out there," Bigaman said. "They were very generous and contributed a lot of manpower and a lot of equipment."

Parent Luke Iverson watched as lineman Ryan Coulson showed his two sons, Hayden and Hudson how to use a hot stick to work on an overhead line that was strung between two SMUD trucks. "It's pretty cool that they are getting some insight into what the guys at SMUD do," he said.

Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) Maintenance Manager Troy Schaffner and his crew helped with the event's setup and teardown.

"The RMA Maintenance guys were really invested in creating a great event for

the community," Bigaman said.

Shaffner said his crews put the Rancho Murieta Association masticator, street sweeper, boom truck and backhoe on display.

"But we ended up coning everything off because we didn't have the staff to break away," he said.

Shaffner was pleasantly surprised by the turnout.

"I was so happy to see all the kids out there," he said. "Hopefully, they will do it again next year and we get to participate."

As for other participants, Bigaman said that Hanford Sand and Gravel and Hastie's Capital Sand and Gravel both donated sand and showcased their big trucks. Cal Waste Management brought a garbage truck and a spin-the-wheel recycling game. The Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District



Arwen Muehlenhaupt (left) and Coa Seagraves play in the sand trap at Big Truck Day, held June 6 at Stonehouse Park. Photos by Gail Bullen



A lineup of big trucks awaits visitors.

came with the Station 59 fire engine and several firefighters gave out stickers. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office displayed its BearCat armored personnel carrier.

Although they didn't come in a truck, two Mule Creek State Prison correctional officers delighted youngsters by letting them try on bulletproof vests

and look through ballistic shields.

Two food trucks, Kona Ice and Dubbs Lunch Box, also helped keep everyone cool and fed.

The league's next event will be a fundraiser, Comedy Under the Stars, at Lake Clementia Amphitheater on Aug. 10.

"This event isn't just about enjoying a roster of

Sacramento's finest comedians: it's about uniting for a cause that empowers and safeguards our community's future," according to a description on the league's website.

VIP and general admission tickets cost \$100 and \$45 respectively and can be purchased at <https://cosumnesriveractivitiiesleague.com/events>. ★

# K-ZAP Radio Launches 'Feed the Kitty' Donation Drive

K-ZAP News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento's beloved K-ZAP, the all-volunteer LPFM rock/blues radio station broadcasting 24/7 at 93.3 FM in the metro Sacramento area, on the K-ZAP apps and streaming at [k-zap.org](http://k-zap.org), launched its "10 To Feed the Kitty" donation drive on June 9. The station is calling on its listeners to donate just \$10 each to help keep the lights on and the tunes rolling.

Founded by former staff members of the legendary Sacramento radio station KZAP, Dennis Newhall and Tom Cale, K-ZAP has been a staple in the Sacramento community since its return to



Peter Rizzo is the promotions director and underwriter at K-ZAP. Photo courtesy of K-ZAP

the airwaves on July 4, 2015. Now, as the station approaches its ninth anniversary, it is looking to the community for support to continue its mission

of providing quality rock/blues music to Sacramento and the world.

"We've been rocking Sacramento for nine years now, and we want to keep the party going," said Newhall, station general manager and owner. "With the '10 To Feed the Kitty' campaign, we're asking our listeners to help us reach our goal of raising \$100,000 by July 4. It's a small amount that can make a big difference."

The "10 To Feed the Kitty" donation drive will run from now until July 4. Listeners can donate online at [k-zap.org](http://k-zap.org)/donate using their credit, debit card or Venmo. In addition to the online campaign, K-ZAP

will be promoting the drive at various events in the community, including the Carmichael Concerts in The Park on June 15 and the Red White & Blue Celebration at La Sierra Community Center on June 29.

"We're not asking for a lot, just \$10 from each of our listeners," said Peter Rizzo, promotions director and underwriter. "We know that a little can go a long way, and we're hoping that with the support of our community, we can continue to provide the best rock/blues music to Sacramento and the world."

For more information, contact Newhall at [dnewhall@k-zap.org](mailto:dnewhall@k-zap.org) or Rizzo at [prizzo@k-zap.org](mailto:prizzo@k-zap.org). ★



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## Family Movie Night Unfolds at Catholic Church



Featuring free food, entertainment and raffle prizes, Family Movie Night unfolds at the St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Rancho Murieta on May 31. In the far left photo, pajama-clad youngsters snuggle in their blankets to watch "The Lego Movie." In the near photo, 4-year-old Tommy Kartagener checks out the snacks that are included with the hot dog dinner. The family event was sponsored by the church, The Grove Youth Ministry, the Knights of Columbus, the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta, and Entertainment, Theater & Culture for Rancho Murieta (ETC). Photos by Gail Bullen

## Fire Council Plans Evacuation Meeting with Officials

By Gail Bullen  
River Valley Times  
Reporter

RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG)

An upcoming meeting to discuss evacuation from behind the gates and an update about the \$4.5 million CAL FIRE fuel reduction grant were topics when the Rancho Murieta Regional Fire Safe Council met via Zoom on June 4.

The council members represent the Rancho Murieta community, local ranchers and the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, which operates the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. Since its formation in 2019, the Fire Safe Council functioned as a subcommittee of the Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) board until it became an independent entity last year.

### Evacuation

Fire Safe Council President Greg Vorster, a retired firefighter, reported that he has scheduled an Sept. 16 online meeting to consider evacuation options for residents behind the gates in the event of an emergency. The primary concern is a wind-driven wildland fire potentially approaching



A Knox Lock like this one at the end of Bent Grass Court allows firefighters access to three remote gates inside the community. How residents would exit the gates during an emergency was a topic at the June 4 Rancho Murieta Regional Fire Safe Council meeting. Photo by Gail Bullen

from the north.

Vorster said the "stakeholders" at the upcoming meeting will include the chiefs of Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Sac Metro) and the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services, Sacramento County Supervisors Sue Frost and Pat Hume, and representatives from Rancho Murieta Association, the Rancho Murieta Community Services District and Fire Safe councilmembers.

Pryor described the upcoming meeting as one last effort to develop an evacuation plan that has remained in limbo for years because the Fire Safe Council has been unable to secure Rancho

Murieta Association board approval.

Under the preliminary evacuation plan devised by traffic engineer John Long, three currently locked gates would supplement the two main gates as exits in an emergency. They are the Escuela Gate and two country gates off Jackson Highway, the first next to the Yellow Bridge and the second end of Bent Grass Drive. Pryor obtained bids to automate the gates and ascertained from fire officials that a system could be set up so a dispatcher could open the gates remotely should the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office order an evacuation.

As an interim step, Knox locks, which only firefighters can open, were installed on the remote gates in 2021

"It was a temporary measure for ingress, not for egress, and then we sort of stalemated there," Pryor said.

He asked attendees for a show of hands or a motion to support holding the shareholder's meeting to "see if we could do something more than the Knox locks."

Councilmember Betty Ferraro opposed the idea "because you are not

going to get the people you are interested in having come attend," she said. "We went through all the options over the years, and we were shot down."

Pryor still advocated a final meeting.

"It will be a documented meeting and everybody will know where everybody stands," he said.

The vote on the motion was 6 to 1 with Ferraro opposed.

Rancho Murieta Association Director Pat O'Hern, who is the association's representative to the council, said he would attend the Sept. 16 meeting. He said he couldn't speak for General Manager Rod Hart. Pryor said the entire Rancho Murieta Association Board had been invited.

Another topic briefly touched upon is that Rancho Murieta is better off than other communities located in high-fire-risk areas due to its golf courses, parks and lakes, which would provide sheltering options inside the community.

Meeting attendee Diana Schmidt, a Sac Metro Fire inspector, said this had happened before.

"A lot of people in Santa Rosa (during the Tubbs

Fire) were able to ride it out in fairways and parks," Schmidt said. "Rancho Murieta does have unique and very beneficial terrain to utilize in the event of emergency."

Regarding evacuating outside gates on Jackson Highway, Pryor said that he, Long and Councilmember John Merchant continue to work with the county. Two grant applications are pending to improve evacuation in fire and floods.

### Cal Fire grant

Although the Fire Safe Council secured the \$4.5 million Cal Fire grant in 2022 after three years of trying, it needed a sponsor since a homeowners association subcommittee wasn't qualified to apply. Because of efforts by Supervisor Frost, Sacramento County Regional Parks agreed to sponsor the grant and is now the administrator.

Parks employee Virginia Thorley and forester Phyllis Banducci, who is supervising the work on the ground, provided a brief update. They highlighted that Sept. 1 would be the start date for contractors to begin the ladder fuel reduction on 947 acres

of woodlands inside and around Rancho Murieta, barring extreme fire weather.

Earlier this year, the county rejected the initial contracting bids because they were too high. However, Thorley and Banducci happily reported that 13 prospective bidders showed up for a pre-proposal conference a week earlier.

"We also got confirmation from county counsel that were able to move prevailing wages from the private parcels," Thorley said. "That is really going to help with our bids and our concerns about our budget."

Except for the Deer Creek Hills Preserve, which comprises 27% of the project, the other parcels are privately owned by ranchers and developers. Thorley also reported that two separate Deer Creek Hills projects, removing invasive weeds and planting new trees, will begin after August.

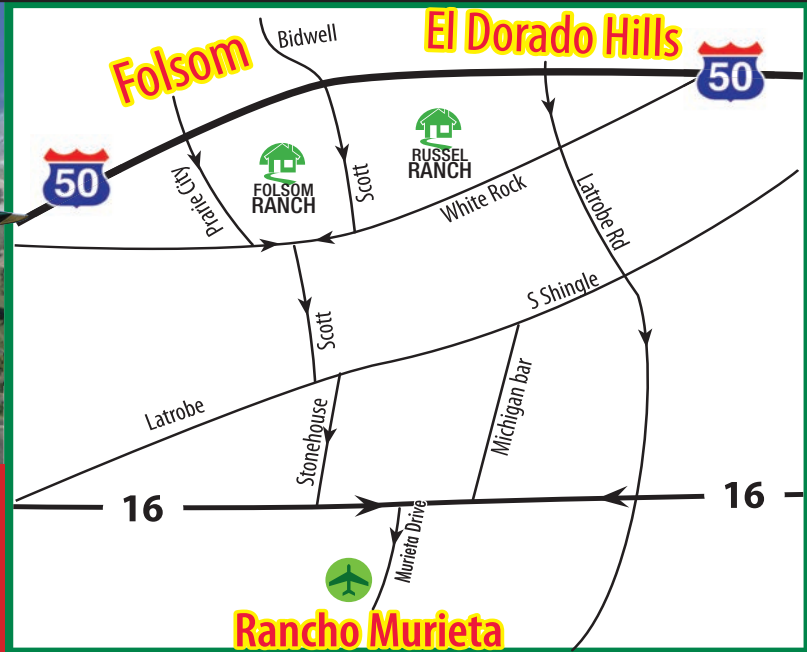
Banducci added that county environmental scientists had begun biological and archeologic surveys.

The Fire Safe Council's next meeting will be on Sept. 9. ★

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Stop the Madness

*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:

The current Draft 2024 Rancho Murieta CSD water study DOES NOT:

- 1) Use the industry standard method to calculate future water usage.
- 2) Use the industry standard drought (planning) conservation rate.
- 3) Use the Dept. of Water Resources recommended test pan to calculate the reservoir's evaporation/seepage rate. This study incorrectly ASSUMES:
  - 1) Lake Clementia's part of the community's water supply, which is not allowed under RM's permits.

2) A backup well is possible, when RM's underlying rock formations have little to no well potential.

3) Recycled water can supplement residential usage, when an earlier study states there will be insufficient supplemental recycled water (even at full buildout).

4) Reservoirs are at their flashboard capacity, which is NOT an acceptable (planning) practice.

5) A 12% current and FUTURE system loss rate (water lost to breaks/leaks) for an aging infrastructure, when a 1990 study states a LOW 10% loss rate was used, because the infrastructure was relatively new.

Tell the CSD Board to stop! Demand a study based on industry standards, achievable assumptions and accurate data.

— Janis Eckard

## Where Is the Integrity?

Editor:

The gist of my first RVT letter ("Don't Trust the RMA," May 24) was that the RMA used the contents of an Architectural Review Committee staff-issued fraudulent stop work order (SWO) (requested by my neighbor) to deny my appeal to keep my lattice fence painted white. But the letter was not about a paint job; it was about RMA board integrity.

Because of the short bimonthly ARC meetings and constant turnover of the board chair and volunteer members, the institutional wisdom and technical knowledge resides with the full-time staff. The intimidated (non-existent) supervision from the chair and general manager permits a rogue staff to do whatever it wants and count on a "good old boys" appeal system for protection.

We recently sent letters to each of the board members documenting that we were

careful to follow all the rules. And we said if they could tell us one legitimate ARC/RMA requirement that we violated, we would just go away. Not one board member was willing to tell us what we did wrong. Why? It was too late. They were afraid to sanction the staff.

The Board had a choice of either honorably facing up to the staff fraud by canceling the SWO and dealing with the consequences by disciplining the staff — or take the easy way out by pretending the fraud didn't happen. So they just told us to "do what the fraudulent SWO required — appeal denied." The bottom line — a classy organization would have canceled the fraudulent SWO and apologized to us. We're still waiting.

P.S. Tell me again why I can't paint my lattice to match my house color like most other RM residents have.

— Wendell Coon

# RMA Covers July 4 Security, Golf Carts, Playgrounds

By Gail Bullen  
River Valley Times Reporter

**RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG)** - Security Security enhancements for July 4, worrying golf cart behavior and new playground games were noteworthy topics when the Rancho Murieta Association Board met on June 18.

Given what happened last year on July 4, the association has requested eight off-duty deputies with four patrol cars and has secured a private security company with six officers to enhance security at this year's event. Last year, a group of intoxicated teenagers descended upon the gazebo for the fireworks show and one lit an illegal firework causing minor injuries to seven people.

Another concern expressed at the meeting is that some residents heading to Starbucks are turning left on Jackson Highway instead of accessing the coffee shop through the Bel Air parking lot. If someone were to get killed or injured, the community could lose its waiver to cross the highway in a golf cart.

On a happier note, the board approved the addition of low-tech games such as hopscotch and Foursquare that will be painted on the concrete next to the Stonehouse Park playground.

### July 4 Security

Accounting manager Colleen Hagyard delivered the general manager's report on behalf of Rod Hart, who was on vacation. She reported that the association has contracted for additional security in light of the problems at the gazebo last July 4. The association has requested two deputies with a patrol car work in the morning and six deputies with patrol cars work at night. Hagyard said they won't know until

a day or two before the event whether the association will get all the off-duty deputies requested.

However, the association has also contracted with a private firm for six security officers with three patrol vehicles.

"So we are hoping to have at least three officers at the gazebo area and possibly more with the remaining officers patrolling throughout the community," Hagyard said.

Board President Scott commented about the gazebo incident.

"RMA can't and won't tolerate that," he said. "This year, we are going to have more than enough security. I want the community to know that. We want to keep everyone safe."

He also noted that the board amended the fireworks rule last year.

"Fines for a couple of violations are significant, including the use of illegal fireworks," Adams said.

Director Chris Childs, who was third in command at the California Highway Patrol before he retired, advised Hagyard to look into hiring two off-duty CHP officers to work the heavy traffic at the gates before and after the fireworks show. Childs noted these officers would be available to respond if more law enforcement was needed for any incidents inside the gates.

### Golf cart issue

Under director comments at the end of the meeting, Tom Reimers, who chairs the Compliance Committee, raised an issue about golf cart driver misbehavior that he saw.

"We have golf carts that are turning left on Jackson Highway to drive down to Starbucks, which is really a dangerous move," he said. "People should be driving

across the highway to the parking lot."

Childs raised another concern.

"The ability to drive our golf carts across a state highway is a specific provision within in the California Vehicle Code that could be repealed by the legislature, especially if there is some kind of tragedy," Childs said.

Childs noted that he only knows of one other waiver in the state that allows golf carts on public roads, which is Catalina Island.

"I think we need to be very cautious," Childs added.

### Playground games

Director Renee Bechtold, who chairs the Recreational Committee, easily secured board approval for a new project that could make being a child in Rancho Murieta much more fun. She said the maintenance department will paint over one half of the basketball court that was previously striped for pickleball. This is no longer needed because of the new pickleball courts.

Bechtold praised the creativity of maintenance employees Susan Hamrick and Danny Taylor who have designed a layout that will incorporate games such as hopscotch, frog jump and foursquare. Nor will it cost much money, she said.

The River Valley Times asked maintenance manager Troy Schaffner for more details. Schaffner said that he began researching the idea after a resident said she wanted to see something such as hopscotch for her granddaughter. Looking for options, Schaffner realized that the former pickleball court that was painted on half of the basketball could be utilized with very little expense. The location was also next to the playground, where children are at "all the time."

Schaffner decided to expand the idea beyond hopscotch after picking up his son from elementary school where he had been playing foursquare.

"It just seemed logical that instead of one little area for hopscotch, let's do something for everyone and make it bigger," Schaffner said.

As Hamrick and Taylor used chalk to build out their ideas, they stopped to try each game after they put it down.

"They just had the greatest time putting it together," he said.

Rather than setting aside a block of time for staff to paint the new playground amenity, Schaffner said he will schedule the work between other assignments.

"It is going to be a curious thing for the kids to see what is going in there each week," he said.

### Other business

- The board tabled a request to purchase two more Traffic Logix Speed Cameras for \$26,000 that had been requested by the general manager and the Compliance Committee. The board concern was that the purchase hadn't been placed in this year's budget and would cause a \$15,700 overrun in the Compliance Committee's budget if approved.

- The board approved a request from Maintenance Committee Chairman Danny Carrillo to spend \$6,260 to replace a tire changer and wheel balancer and \$5,472 to install playground fiber at the Riverview Playground. Both purchases will come from the reserves.

- The board also approved spending \$31,920 from reserves to replace the damaged chain link fencing along a section of Highway 16 that sits above the Greens Park Frisbee course in the south.

The board meets next on July 16. ★



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# Rancho Murieta July 4 Schedule of Events



The Rancho Murieta Association has slated spectacular pyrotechnics for this year's Fourth of July celebration. Photo by Gail Bullen

## Rancho Murieta Association

### Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by Rancho Murieta Kiwanis Club.  
7 to 9:30 a.m. at Stonehouse Park.  
Advance tickets (6 years and over), \$6, \$9 at event.  
Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee.  
Purchase tickets at [www.rmkiwanis.org](http://www.rmkiwanis.org)

### 44th Annual Fun Run

Sponsored by Erin Howard Bailey at Murieta Health Club.  
Adults: 5K Run 7:30 a.m. at North Gazebo. Kids (10 and under): 8:15 a.m. at park across from North Gazebo. No prior signup required. Any questions, call John McNamee at 916-206-3246.

### Parade down Murieta Parkway

Sponsored by Rancho Murieta Association.  
Line up time 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Murieta Parkway and De La Cruz.  
Parade start time 10 a.m.  
Parade route: Begin at Murieta Parkway and De La Cruz, proceed down parkway, turn left on Marr Drive, loop behind the Rancho Murieta Association building and back onto the parkway.  
Residents with vintage cars must register with Rancho Murieta Association at 916-354-3500.  
For a registration form, contact Rancho Murieta Association at 916-354-3500 or online at [ranchomurieta.org](http://ranchomurieta.org)  
**Parade rules:**  
• No water guns, balloons, etc., or superballs. Candy is OK.

- No commercial golf carts, walkers, vehicles, etc.
- Non-resident vehicles are not allowed. Only individuals and local nonprofit groups can participate.
- Only vintage (1975 or older) vehicles and local nonprofit vehicles are allowed.
- Chairs and other belongings can't be placed for the parade until 24 hours prior to the event.

### Music at the Gazebo

Sponsored by Rancho Murieta Association  
Music and dancing from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Fireworks at Laguna Joaquin (front lake)

Sponsored by Rancho Murieta Association

Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.  
No blankets in common areas prior to 7 p.m. July 3.  
No plastic or tarps are allowed.  
For questions or more information, contact Rancho Murieta Association at 916-354-3500. ★

# Recent Resignations, Budget Approval are CSD Board Topics

By Gail Bullen  
River Valley Times  
Reporter

**RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG)** - Two recent resignations and approval of the 2024/25 budget were notable agenda items when the Rancho Murieta Community Services District Board met on June 5, two weeks earlier than usual.

Another important topic discussed was the Integrated Water Master Plan, a study aimed at determining if the community will have enough water to meet future water needs. For more details, see the separate story in this issue.

The directors also took in updates about problematic water bills, personnel changes, a return of Sheriff's volunteers and a water quality report.

## Resignations

Although the agenda included two resolutions recognizing Andrew Ramos, who has resigned as district counsel, and Michael Fritschi, who has resigned as operations manager, the board treated these resignations differently.

Ramos, who was attending his last meeting, was praised by all five directors. The board also voted unanimously to approve a resolution recognizing his service to the district.

However, that wasn't

the case for Fritschi, who resigned effective May 30 and didn't attend the meeting. Three directors, Tim Maybee, Randy Jenco and Martin Pohl, voted in favor of the resolution recognizing him but Director Stephen Booth voted "present" and Director Linda Butler abstained. They didn't explain why.

Instead of directly retaining Ramos for his legal services, the district contracted with his law firm Bartkiewicz, Kronich & Shanahan, where he was an attorney. After Ramos notified the district several months ago that he was resigning from his law firm to accept a position with the Yuba Water Agency, Ramos told the board that he would help recruit a qualified firm that specializes in public agency and water law.

That happened at the June 5 meeting. The board approved a legal services agreement with the law firm Ramos recommended: Richards, Watson & Gershon. Attorney Patrick Enright will serve as the new general counsel.

Ramos became the district's assistant counsel in 2013 and took over as district counsel in 2022 after attorney Dick Shanahan retired.

"I'm glad that you are moving on since it is for you and the family, but it is truly a loss to the community," Maybee told him. "It's truly a loss

to the district and the community."

Ramos said working in Rancho Murieta had posed many interesting issues.

"I've really enjoyed dealing with your staff and working with the board and the community," he said.

Fritschi notified the board of his resignation before he left for an already scheduled month-long vacation, although his resignation was kept quiet at his request. His last day was May 30, coinciding with the town hall meeting to update the community about the Integrated Water Master Plan. Despite assisting the two consultants with the study, Fritschi didn't attend the town hall.

General Manager Mimi Morris acknowledged Fritschi in her written report. She noted that since joining the district year three years earlier, he had made significant efforts to enhance understanding of the water system's condition.

Those efforts included recommending a drone analysis of the storage capacity of the Calero and Chesbro reservoirs and launching the water study with the consultants.

"We appreciate the contributions of Mr. Fritschi and wish him all the best," Morris said.

Chief Plant Operator Travis Bohannon is interim director of operations during the recruitment

process. Morris hopes to fill the position by Aug. 31.

## Budget/Rates

In her general manager's report, Morris said the district's 2024/25 operating budget is about \$100,000 lower than the 2023/24 fiscal year and doesn't include any deficits like the previous year.

She said a balanced budget will cover all operational costs, allowing the district to allocate all property tax revenues and other fees to reserves to pay for infrastructure repair and replacement.

The new budget is also increasing the monthly rates. The average customer will see rates up 12%, translating to an additional \$29.36 a month.

After the budget came up on the agenda, the board unanimously approved it without any discussion.

## Water bills

Morris said district staff are addressing billing issues stemming from hundreds of improper meter readings over the last year.

Part of the solution involves correcting the faulty communication between new billing software and outdated water meters by using actual water usage figures.

However, the corrections have meant some "unfortunate sticker shock" for some customers, she said. In those cases, customers have been advised



Rancho Murieta Community Services District President Tim Maybee, right, thanks general counsel Andrew Ramos for his service to the district. Ramos resigned from his law firm to work at the Yuba Water Agency. Photos by Gail Bullen



Michael Fritschi, who resigned as the district's operations manager, also was recognized at the board meeting. The vote to recognize him wasn't unanimous.

what led to the problem and have been given payment options to spread out the underbilled amounts, preventing a dramatic one-time increase to their monthly bills.

## In other business

The board presented longevity awards to Mario Moreno, who has worked in the utilities department for 10 years, and to Rick Diaz, who has worked as a gate officer for 30 years.

Morris reported that the district has hired two new

part-time gate officers, who both live in the community.

Recruitment also will begin soon for a fourth patrol position and to replace a utility worker who resigned to take a position with his former employer.

She also reported that the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office is resuming its VIPS program (Volunteers in Partnership with the Sheriff) in Rancho Murieta, which was discontinued during the pandemic.

The Sheriff's service center, which will be housed inside the district's main office, was expected to open in several weeks.

Morris reported that staff is continuing to do the clean-up required for the past due audits for 2021/2022 and 2022/23 and upcoming audit for 2023/24.

The estimates to present the completed audits will be at the board meetings in October, January and April. ★

# Months Delay for OK of Water Plan

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buildout. The consultants recommend augmenting the water supply by using Clementia for drinking water and digging emergency wells. They also assume the golf courses could be irrigated with river water, and that more recycled water will be available at buildout.

Although not in their recommendations, water conservation measures could also be implemented - 30% in normal conditions and 50% in extreme drought. A 30% cutback in an average year would be the least expensive way the community could meet a state requirement for a backup water supply without using Clementia or groundwater wells.

Before and during the town hall, community critics, primarily John Merchant and Janis Eckard, argued that assumptions used in the water study are unfeasible or incorrect. They based their claims on extensive research.

Maddaus, one of the engineers, defended their work at the town hall. "I am not here to put fraudulent numbers together for you. Neither is Dan or his team," she said. "We are all engineers and professionals."

## Meeting discussion

The water study was a recurring topic at the June 5 board meeting with comments from the board president, General Manager Mimi Morris, Director Stephen Booth, who facilitated the town hall, and

four audience members.

Maybee said he wanted to make it clear "that decisions (about the water study) are not going to be made in the next days, weeks or months. We have numerous items to work through."

Nor will the board make any final decision until after the new district counsel and a new operations manager are fully briefed, Maybee said.

On the other hand, Maybee said he felt "very positive" that a final report would be completed by the end of the calendar year.

During her general manager's report, Morris described the information provided by the consultants as sobering. "The message given was that doing nothing is not an option, regardless of whether future development occurs," she said.

Morris also told the board that her written report included answers to questions about the water study submitted by the public before May 14. The information was also provided as a handout at the town hall meeting and posted on the district's website.

Regarding questions submitted at the town hall, they will be answered by the end of June, Morris said.

Booth, who facilitated the town hall, read a prepared statement about the meeting which included this observation: "Speakers questioned some of the data used by the consultants and there was a strong sentiment expressed that there should be a halt to future development."

Booth also referred to several

obstreperous audience members in his report, noting that "The audience was quick to respond to my requests for decorum and respect for all the speakers."

During audience comments, resident Carol Prinzo expressed deep concern that only two board members attended the town hall, describing it as a "clear dereliction of duty." Maybee responded, that with input from legal counsel, the board decided earlier this year that a town hall format would be the "cleanest" way to get feedback from the community about the water study versus holding a board meeting with its legal requirements.

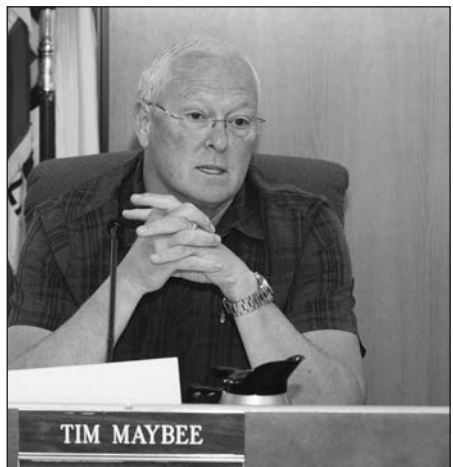
"All the information came to the board," Maybee assured Prinzo. "I think it (the format) worked pretty well."

As they did at the town hall, audience members Eckard and Merchant questioned the water study assumptions. Eckard said the data being used for future recycled water use was "mathematically impossible."

Merchant concluded his comments by saying: "Everything in there is an excuse for the fact we don't have enough storage and can't build another reservoir."

Audience member Jim Farrell, who described himself as a planner, also commented. "I really like where you are at right now," Farrell told the board. "But you've got to call a stop action and resolve these issues around assumptions and data and money."

The board's next regular meeting will be on July 17. ★



Rancho Murieta Community Services District (CSD) Board President Tim Maybee explains that approval of a new Integrated Water Master Plan will likely be months away. Photos by Gail Bullen



Jim Farrell was one of four audience members raising issues about assumptions in the new water study.



# The Most Popular Veterans Benefits Don't Expire

By Dr. Paul Lawrence

While some people may think that the veterans benefits they have earned from military service could evaporate or disappear, this is inaccurate. The most popular veteran benefits have no expiration date. You can apply at any point and are not time-bound.

The three most popular veterans' benefits are disability compensation, home loan guaranty and education/G.I. Bill.

For these benefits, there are important dates to remember. If you miss those dates, you may be inconvenienced but these benefits are still available, providing you qualify.

Disability compensation is a tax-free monthly payment based on an injury or disability that occurred during service. A veteran completes an

application, referred to as a claim. Accompanying this claim is information about their service and medical conditions.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) evaluates the claim and grants or denies benefits.

A disability compensation claim can be filed as early as 180 days prior to completion of active duty and throughout the remainder of a veteran's life. In short, there is no expiration date for disability compensation.

Many veterans file multiple claims throughout their lives as new conditions are identified or previously identified conditions worsen. This is called a claim for an increase. There is no limit on how often this can be done.

There are two important dates to keep in mind relative to disability



Paul Lawrence served at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from 2018 to 2021. Photo courtesy of Paul Lawrence

compensation. The first concerns the Intent to File. In advance of actually applying for disability compensation, you can complete an Intent to File form. This tells the VA that you will file in the next year and preserves the effective day (i.e., the date on which benefits will begin).

For example, a veteran completes an Intent to File form establishing Feb. 1, 2024, as his/her effective date.

After collecting all the needed information and forms, benefits are granted on Dec. 1, 2024. The first payment would include a retroactive payment reflecting the intent to file date of Feb. 1.

You can get assistance with your VA claim for no cost from an accredited representative such as your county veterans service officer or an accredited veteran's service organization, such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans or the VFW.

Home Loan Guaranty allows veterans to purchase a home with no money down.

This is a tremendous advantage over our civilian counterparts, who must

save for a down payment prior to purchasing a home. Subject to restrictions, this can even be used to purchase a mobile home or farm residence.

There is no time restriction on this benefit. It can be used repeatedly by veterans as they move and purchase new homes.

Education/G.I. Bill benefits are significant for veterans. Serve for three years and you can earn four years of free college.

It can also be used for high-tech apprenticeships, advanced Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math training, and credentials and certificates.

In 2017, a new law, often known as the Forever G.I. Bill, was introduced. If your service ended on or after Jan. 1, 2013, this benefit will never expire.

If your service ended prior to Jan. 1, 2013, you

still could qualify for the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill or the Montgomery G.I. Bill for active duty or reservists. Each of these has an expiration date, so check those dates carefully at VA.gov.

Veterans' benefits are an important part of the rewards for military service and you can apply at VA.gov. The best time to learn about your benefits is well before applying for them.

But remember, it's never too late to start and some of the most popular veterans benefits never expire.

*Paul R. Lawrence, Ph.D., served as Under Secretary for Benefits at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from May 2018 to January 2021. He is the author of "Veterans Benefits for You: Get what You Deserve," published in 2023.* ★

## County's 2024-25 Recommended Budget Approved

Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on June 5 to approve the \$8.8 billion Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25.

The \$8.8 billion spending plan consists of \$3.5 billion in Enterprise and Special Revenue Fund appropriations (utility rates, fees and other dedicated revenue), \$3.8 billion in General Fund appropriations (funded with \$990 million in discretionary resources, \$1.5 billion in reimbursements from restricted funds, and the remaining \$1.3 billion in Federal, State and fee

revenue dedicated to specific purposes), and \$1.5 billion in Restricted Funds.

The Recommended Budget recognized new or enhanced areas of growth, including:

Health Services increased by \$28.4 million for increased acute psychiatric inpatient costs, Behavioral Health

Bridge Housing funding, increased capacity and services at Permanent Supportive Housing units, and behavioral health services at the Youth Detention Facility.

Child, Family and Adult Services increased by \$5.7 million (\$4.5 million Net County Cost) for Child Protective Services welcome and assessment center services and family

resource center court-mandated parenting workshops.

Human Assistance increased by \$4.2 million (\$100,000 Net County Cost) for childcare payments for CalWORKs participants and funding for a position in the County Veterans Services Office.

The sheriff increased by \$3.9 million (\$1.2 million Net County Cost) for a mobile command vehicle, required software expenditures and required body-worn camera licenses and equipment.

Correctional Health Services increased by \$3.4 million (\$300,000 Net County Cost) for a Medication Assisted Treatment Program, additional pharmacy positions (both of which support the

County's obligations under the Mays Consent Decree Remedial Plan) and a new electronic health record system.

Community development increased by \$1.2 million (\$1 million Net County Cost) to support the Infill Acceleration Program, the Climate Action Plan and two Planning Technician positions.

Homeless Services and Housing increased by \$1 million (before reimbursements) to fund beds at a planned Safe Stay Community and three new positions and services supporting administration for the department.

This year's reductions totaled \$6 million, which will result in the deletion

of 31 vacant full-time equivalent (FTE) positions as well as other budget reductions across several departments. No filled positions were recommended for deletion.

The Recommended Budget's most significant reductions include:

Health Services reduced by \$2.2 million including consulting contracts, operational supplies and the deletion of 14 vacant FTE positions.

Child, Family and Adult Services reduced by \$1.8 million, including the deletion of 16 vacant FTE positions.

In addition to staff recommendations, the Board added two full-time equivalent positions: a criminal attorney in the

District Attorney's office and a criminal attorney in the Public Defender's Office. The funding for those two positions will come out of the appropriation for contingency, reducing that appropriation from \$15.1 million to \$14.5 million.

The Board also supported a three-year funding commitment to the Black Child Legacy Campaign in future budget recommendations through Fiscal Year 2026-27.

**By the Numbers:**  
Total Budget: \$8.8 billion  
General Fund: \$3.8 billion  
Enterprise and Special Revenue: \$3.5 billion  
Restricted Funds: \$1.5 billion  
Number of Employees: 13,646 ★

## Water Tank Capacity Emerges as Another Development Issue

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The district is required to supply potable water to the Residences, the Retreats and Riverview because Sacramento County approved all three subdivisions more than 20 years ago. However, the Rancho North subdivision is still in the process of winning county approval.

The Improvements Committee comprises two board directors: Martin Pohll and Randy Jenco, both engineers; Interim Operations Director Travis Bohannon, General Manager Mimi Morris and other district staff. The committee looks at infrastructure issues in depth and makes recommendations to the entire board.

### Committee discussion

Domenichelli attended the committee meeting after district staff asked him a week earlier to formulate standards and specifics to size water storage tanks for future development. When Jenco asked him if he were starting from scratch, Domenichelli confirmed that he essentially was, as the last direction on designing and planning for storage came in the community's master plan in the 1980s and included the Rio Oso and Van Vleck Tanks.

The pressurized Rio Oso Tank, which holds 1.2 million gallons, serves homes north of the second Guadalupe Drive. It also has been designated as the water tank for the Residences and for the 116-lot Village H in the proposed Rancho North subdivision. The 3-million-gallon Van Vleck Tank uses a gravity system to serve the remainder of the community.

Domenichelli said he raised concerns about Rio Oso Tank capacity when asked to comment as the Residences developers submitted their plans to the district. When Pohll asked if the developers had provided an analysis, the engineer said not in detail. "We understand that is going to be difficult for them to take on," Domenichelli said.

Domenichelli also learned from Bohannon that the Rio Oso Tank's water levels have dropped rapidly on hot days. The engineer said he hasn't heard any concerns about the Van Vleck Tank emptying quickly.

Domenichelli had hoped that Adkins Engineering, which is currently



Although trucks providing dust control at the Residences East and West subdivision use potable water, the effects on the water tanks are minimal. Photos by Gail Bullen

developing the Integrated Water Master Plan along with Maddaus Engineering, would provide more specific information about storage in the water tanks.

"They've made it clear that it's not their scope (of work), and the district should take care of that," Domenichelli said. "That's why we are here to try to do that as quickly as possible and to make it as accurate as possible."

On the other hand, the Adkins hydraulic model of the entire water system has been very helpful in calculations so far, Domenichelli said.

According to the engineer, three factors are considered when sizing a water tank. First is the amount of water needed to operate on average and hot days. Second is the fire flow requirement, which is specified by California fire codes. Third is emergency storage, which is less than definable and depends on the comfort level of the agency.

"Do we want three days of average flow because the water treatment plant goes down or do we want one day?" he said.

Pohll asked where a new tank would be built if additional storage were needed. Bohannon responded that the Rio Oso site isn't big enough to upsize the tank. Domenichelli added that location should be fairly high in elevation and mentioned some vacant areas north of Stonehouse Park.

The engineer said he could determine in a few weeks whether the 68 lots in Unit One would need a new tank. However, if one was needed, where it would go, how



Joe Domenichelli, the district's contract engineer, says the community requires well-thought-out standards to size water tanks for future development.

it would be funded and the actual design would take him much longer.

Jenco asked Domenichelli if he would be able to tell them "whether the existing system has enough capacity to support another X number of homes being built."

The engineer said that is what he aims to do although "that's something we can't do today, so I would like it to be a priority for our company to jump on that."

Because the \$42,237 cost of Domenichelli's proposal would require board approval, Jenco and Pohll asked Morris if she could schedule a special board meeting sooner than the next scheduled meeting on July 17 to avoid a six-week lag.

When the River Valley Times checked on June 17 to see whether that special board meeting had been scheduled, Morris said it had not because she "was trying to leverage other work to reduce the work effort required of Domenichelli. ... My thought is some work on this has already occurred."

Mike Robertson, with Baker and Williams Engineering, is the engineer for the Residences and the proposed Rancho North subdivision. Robertson told the committee that Residences Unit 1 was unique because it is located within the zones for both water tanks, although it was determined the project should get its water from the Rio Oso Tank.

Robertson also reminded Domenichelli that their plan adds valving in Unit 1 so it also can be connected to the Van Vleck Tank, saying, "We've always got to look for redundancy when designing systems."

Domenichelli observed that the ability to switch to the Van Vleck tank should make Bohannon a lot happier on hot days. Bohannon agreed.

Keil came to the podium next and asked how much land would be needed for a new water tank. Bohannon and Domenichelli estimated at least half an acre. "It's only \$5 million an acre, but we'll find some," the developer responded.

He also pointed out that homes in the Residences will use less water than existing homes because of the landscaping standards that prohibit grass.

Keil also said he wanted to go on record that dirt is already being moved in the subdivision. He said water services could be needed for already sold lots in Unit 1 as soon as November, and in Unit 2 a year later. Not having water would be catastrophic, given they would have to pay millions if they don't provide water by a certain date. Keil emphasized the need for urgency.

Jenco responded that they understood. "You've heard the conversation, and we are trying to figure it out as quickly as we can," he said.

In other business, the committee discussed a proposal for a drainage ditch from the Riverview subdivision to the Cosumnes River. Reynan & Bardin will pay the estimated cost of \$80,000. ★





Courtesy photo



Photo by Gail Bullen

## Grass Fire Above Lake Clementia Extinguished

An accidental fire burned 1.7 acres on the hill overlooking Lake Clementia at about 2 p.m., June 25. In the left photo, flames spread through the grass. In the above photo, firefighters finish mopping up. The fire began after a Rancho Murieta Association employee mowed the grass at the edge of the parking lot, maintenance manager Troy Schaffner said. After relocating to another area, the employee noticed the smoke and hurried back. He emptied his water supply and extinguisher and then hopped on his tractor to mow a fire break around the perimeter. Firefighters from CAL FIRE, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District and Wilton Fire Protection Fire District extinguished the fire.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Church Sponsors Fireworks Sale

Buy your fireworks at Bel Air Plaza from Friday, June 28, to Wednesday, July 3 and support the Rancho Murieta Community Church's Day by Day Youth Program and Elk Grove Young Life as they fundraise for school year programs and camp scholarships.

Want to help the cause? Two-hour volunteer signups are at [rmchurch.org/events](http://rmchurch.org/events).

### Residents Urged to Secure July 4 Guest Passes

The Rancho Murieta Association is advising residents to secure July 4 guest passes now and to deliver them to their guests in advance.

All guests must have a pass or be on a resident's guest list to get inside the gates. However, Rancho Murieta Association recommends guests on a list also be given passes.

Residents can pick up at the passes at the Rancho Murieta Association Building between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Each lot is entitled to five free passes, with additional passes available for \$5 each.

For questions, call Rancho Murieta Association at 916-354-3900.

### Kiwanis Slates July 4 Pancake Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta's annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast will be on Thursday, July 4 at Stonehouse Park. Breakfast, including pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, water, coffee and tea, will

be served that day from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Adult ticket price is \$6 and children ages 5 and under are free. Tickets purchased at the event will be \$9.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Rancho Murieta Association office from June 17 through July 3. Rancho Murieta Association hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash or checks only are accepted by Rancho Murieta Association.

Tickets will also be sold at the Local Bean from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30. Cash, checks and credit cards payments will be accepted. Or you can purchase tickets at the website at [www.rmkiwanis.org](http://www.rmkiwanis.org) now through July 3 at 9 p.m. Like the Facebook page "Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta" for more real time updates.

Thank you for your support of the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta.

### Fun Run Slated July 4 in RM

The 44th annual Fourth of July Fun Run is open to all runners, joggers, dog walkers and stroller pushers. The course is a little under three miles. There is a shorter course for walkers. Erin Baily of Murieta Health Club is again the sponsor.

The adult race starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Gazebo on the north. There is also a kids' run (10 and under) that starts at 8:15 a.m. at the park across from the Gazebo. Any questions, call John McNamee at 916-206-3246.

### Murieta Sidewalk Shoppe Slated July 6

Featuring the work of many artisans and

delectable produce, the Murieta Sidewalk Shoppe will unfold at the Murieta Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 6 at the Murieta Plaza. More information is available on Facebook and Instagram @ [murietasidewalkshoppe](https://murietasidewalkshoppe).

### RM Blood Drive Slated July 15

The Rancho Murieta Women's Club has slated its next blood drive on Monday, July 15 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Rancho Murieta Community Church, 14670 Cantova Way, Rancho Murieta.

Appointments to donate can be made online at [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org) by using blood drive code SMFM053 or by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Walk-ins will be accommodated if space permits.

Donors will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card for Yogurt Pop that was donated by Carole Thames of Town & Country Real Estate.

All donors will receive a 10% off coupon at Yogurt Pop. Eat well and drink plenty of water prior to donating and bring a photo ID.

If you have eligibility questions, call Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or [Vitalant.org](https://Vitalant.org).

### Gold Rush Classic Tournament Set for Aug. 22-23

We are thrilled to announce and would be excited to have you participate in the 2024 Gold Rush Classic on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 22 and 23, at the Rancho Murieta Country Club.

The Gold Rush Classic is a celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament, a Celebrity Challenge, a Million Dollar Hole-in-One contest, a Celebrity Draft Party, a

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Information and registration are at [rmchurch.org/events](http://rmchurch.org/events).

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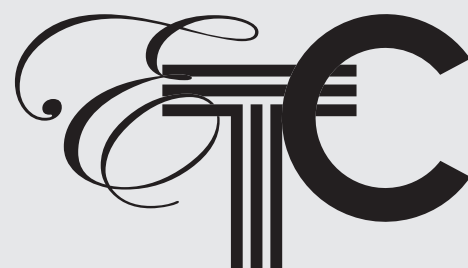
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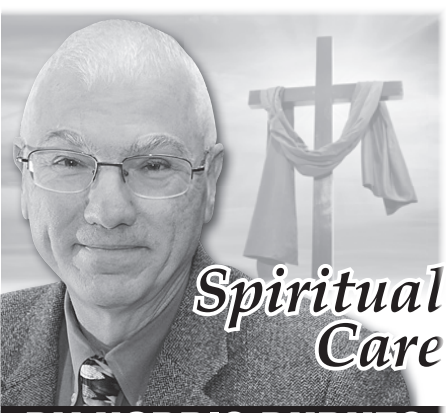
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In the years I served as a hospital chaplain, I was often asked, "Why don't you use your position to tell people about Jesus?"

The question is much like the one I'm still asked as a syndicated columnist: "Why don't you use your writing to tell people about Jesus?"

The first question assumes that chaplains represent Christianity and should use their position to surreptitiously evangelize patients.

The second question assumes that a Christian who writes a spiritual column for secular newspapers should use his writings to espouse Christian teachings.

But neither assumption is true. That's because hospital chaplains, like spiritual columnists, don't "represent" a single belief.

Chaplains don't wear the hat of a pastor, rabbi or even a guru. That's because once you're inside a hospital, it doesn't matter what you are.

What matters to the chaplain is who you are.

In the hospital, like in this column, I try to help people get in touch with the spiritual component in their lives. I affirm the personal beliefs of the patient because when people are sick or dying, they tend to look toward their own healing rituals for comfort.

And while I believe that Jesus is my friend — and even theirs — I don't believe patients should hear that proclamation from a stranger.

While serving as a hospital chaplain, who happens to be a Christian, I did some unorthodox things at the request of patients that might make some Christians uncomfortable.

For instance, I've taped crystals to their wrists, turned their bed eastward, read the Bible, read the Koran, spread a healing blanket on their bed and placed garlic under their bed. I've collected bones to be burned and placentas to be buried.

I did these things because those patients deserved my respect, not because I personally share their beliefs.

When I've shown proper respect for people's beliefs, I was sometimes honored

with questions about my beliefs.

On one such occasion, I met a cancer patient who told me that he wasn't even sure he believed in God.

"That's fine," I joked. "I'm in customer service, not sales."

He liked that retort, and we established a common ground for our visits over the next several weeks.

One day, in the grips of his illness, he fired multiple spiritual questions, which I answered in rapid succession.

Yes, there is a God; yes, God is loving; yes, God wants an up-close relationship with you.

He then asked how he could talk to God. "Talking to God is just like talking to me," I said. "Just say what you feel."

He wondered aloud if God would consider him a hypocrite for waiting until his dying days to pray.

It was then he asked me to do something I've never done before or since. "Say the words for me."

Like I said, I've done some fairly unorthodox things, but nobody had ever asked me to lip-sync their prayers — very unorthodox.

"OK," I agreed, "but if I pray something

you don't agree with, squeeze my hand to indicate you want a do-over."

As he reached for my hand, I told God that my friend wanted to know him. I told God that the man sought forgiveness and wholeness and was asking for God to be present in his life.

It was a prayer I will never forget. It was a prayer that never would have happened if it hadn't started with respect.

Is there someone you want to share your faith with? If so, ask yourself how that sharing might look if it starts with respect. Dare to hear their story before blurting into yours.

The result will, I hope, surprise you.

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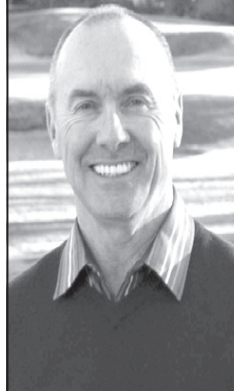
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Audience members closest to the dance floor seem to prefer watching over dancing. Photos by Gail Bullen



Adoring young girls eagerly offer bracelets to singer Skye Isaac.

## Girl Power Engulfs Clementia Amphitheater

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instrumentals from the three musicians, “Lucky Star,” “Naughty Girl” and “What Have You Done for Me Lately.”

Spurred on by the emcee, the crowd demanded an encore. The group responded with five songs, three of which were a medley.

The “Divas” also came back on stage afterward to pose for pictures.

When interviewed, Skye Isaac, Noelle, and Jenny Kidd shared their enthusiasm about performing in Rancho Murieta.

“From the very beginning, the energy was electric,” Isaac said. “And it was all ages and families too.”

“We would love to come back,” Kidd added.

Attendees, including Shayla Lee, were equally enthusiastic.

“Dancing with the Divas was a great way to get this summer season kicked off,” Lee said. “One of our favorite things about the community is the summer concerts.”



The “Divas” begin their encore with an emotional performance of “Hold On.”

Shannon Chavez watched as her daughter, Ariana, and her friends in the sea of girls rushed up to be photographed with the singers after the performance.

“They had a great time enjoying the music and danced the night away,” Chavez said.

Before the performance began, Rosetta introduced the other ETC board members who had gathered on the stage: Vickie Joyner, Sherrie Eypak, Ruth Lecheler-Moore, Brenda Allen-Booth, Kim Brown, Sue Delmore, Paul Fite, John Friedrich,

Joelle Maggio, JP Petersen, Debbie Pishek, Stephanie Stanislaus, and JT Turner, who also serves as the emcee.

Turner took a few minutes to acknowledge ETC sponsors, including Rancho Murieta Homes & Land and Karen Hoberg, who is the title sponsor.

Rosetta said about 800 people attended the concert, which was a typical audience size before the pandemic.

“June can be tough with graduations, and it was Father’s Day weekend also,” she said.

Rosetta said tickets are



Noelle asks the audience to applaud the group’s musicians, who not only backed up the singers but also performed three instrumental numbers.



Following their performance, singers Skye Isaac, Noelle and Jenny Kidd pose for pictures with their young fans, including Ariana Chavez, left, and Quinn McWayne



Jenny Kidd interacts with some of the young fans.

selling quickly for the the Cripple Creek Band performance on July 6. “That one likely will be a sell-out as it’s the Fourth of July weekend and we have

a large private group of 120 coming and Cripple Creek has a big following of fans,” she said. “It will be a great show and we will have the traditional

flyover by the Miss America plane.”

Tickets for future concerts can be purchased at Ace Hardware in the Murieta Plaza. ★

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# GOLF SCORES

## Competition, Weather Hot at Two-Day Handicap Tourney

By Nancy Clevenger

**RANCHO MURIETA, CA (MPG)** - Rancho Murieta Country Club's (RMCC) Women's Golf Club recently held The Handicap Tournament, one of its major tournaments of the year. This tournament is played on both the north and south courses of RMCC over a two-day period. The competition was based on the ladies' individual net strokes, using 95% of each player's handicap. Thirty-four Women's Golf Club ladies competed, playing in either of two flights: Bronze/Platinum tees or Platinum tees.

The competition was hot, in both the weather of over 100 degrees on both days, and in scores. It was a tight race that was decided on the final day of competition. The superb course conditions allowed for best play from all golfers finishing in a tight race for the Handicap Tournament Championship. Spectators kept their eyes on the leaderboard through the last hole played.

The final score took it to a scorecard playoff between Lyniel Takahashi and Alison Gomez, both boasting the best net score total of 138 strokes for the two days of play. In the end, Takahashi walked away with the title of overall Women's Golf Club Handicap Tournament Champion.

In addition to the overall champion, there were payouts of three places in the Bronze/Platinum Flight and six places in the Platinum Flight. Helen Kang took home first place honors, scoring a net 143 over the two days in the Bronze/Platinum Flight, and Grace Suk and Lucia Choi placed second (net 143) and third (net 150), respectively.

In the Platinum Flight, Alice Gomez walked away with first place honors, followed by Pamela O'Hern, second, with a two-day net of 141 strokes, and Sharon Crosswell, shooting a 146 two-day net for third. Also walking away with awards in



Bronze/Platinum Flight champions Helen Kang and Grace Suk.

the Platinum Flight were Mischel Choi in fourth place, a two-day net of 148, and Joanna Graf in fifth with a net of 149. El Louise Waldron rounded out the field in sixth place with a two-day net score of 151.

All lady golfers who are members of RMCC are welcome to join the RMCC Women's Golf Club by contacting Captain Melody Hayes at [mkmhayes@aol.com](mailto:mkmhayes@aol.com).

### Charm and Putt Tournament

Rancho Murieta Country Club (RMCC) Niners Golf Group recently held its monthly Charm and Putt tournament on a sizzling hot day. The ladies played a great round of golf on spectacular course conditions.

After the nine holes of friendly competition, the ladies met for a buffet luncheon and general meeting, led by Captain Pamela O'Hern. Tournament Chair Patty Lilli DuVal announced the winners of the day's competition. The golfer finishing the nine holes with the fewest putts was Frances Aguilar with only 15 shots sunk from the green. Playing from the platinum tee box and hitting the ball into the hole for a net 32 was Carol Kenobbi. This earned Kenobbi the distinction of earning



2023 winner Judy Leezer, right, passes the Handicap Tournament Champion yard sign to the 2024 Tournament Champion, Lyniel Takahashi. Photos courtesy of Nancy Clevenger



Platinum Flight champions Alison Gomez, Pamela O'Hern and Sharon Crosswell.

the Charm portion of May's Charm and Putt competition.

Also announced at the Niners general meeting was the Most Improved Player for the month of May. Handicap Chairperson Barbara Armstrong announced that this player lowered her handicap index 1.6 points. The lady golfer achieving this phenomenal goal was Therese Yannuzzi. Therese currently has a handicap index of 17.1

Any female member of RMCC who would like to be a member of the social golf group of the RMCC Niners Golfer Group can contact Captain Pamela O'Hern at [plohern@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plohern@sbcglobal.net). ★



Putt winner Frances Aguilar, left, and Charm winner Carol Kenobbi.



RMCC Club Pro Brian Little, left, congratulates Handicap Tournament Champion Lyniel Takahashi on her first-place finish.

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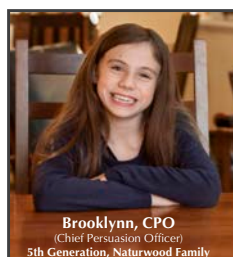
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