

WE DO HAVE WATER ISSUES.....



Last month we wrote to you about a big question our community needs to address, particularly our water district, RMCS D, which is **will we have enough water in the coming years to sustain our current residents.**

We have asked local developers and they say of course, we will have plenty of water. Plenty to accommodate current residents as well as the 1000+ new homes approved and the 797 proposed by Rancho North Properties in Villages A-H?? This is a heavy question. There are many knowledgeable residents who say our water issues are of **serious**

concern, and conservation restrictions are coming. We were on 30% conservation just a few years ago, and the stress on our lawns and trees was significant. Future drought warnings now suggest there could be even higher conservation levels of 50% in many communities across California. 50% conservation would be devastating to most trees, landscaping, and lawns So we have to ask the question.....why would we continue to build more houses in Rancho Murieta, if our current residents have to cut back on their water consumption by 50%? But first, we do need to address the above question, **do we have the water to accommodate 1000+ more residents?** We cannot answer that and neither can the local developers or the RMCS D. But, they plan to find out.

There is a document called **The Integrated Water Master Plan (IWMP)** which was first completed in 2006 and last updated in 2010. This document painted our water resources in a more positive position in 2010. However, a lot has happened over the past 12 years, and the RMCS D Board has decided it is important to address those critical questions regarding water for our current residents and for future development, as well as do some planning for the continued drought and climate change.

In the meantime, local resident, and SOLOS VP, John Merchant has been conducting some very informative workshops locally about our water. If you have not attended, you are invited to his next presentation this **Monday, Feb. 27th at 6:30 PM, at 15250 De La Pena** (which is off De La Cruz).

John's insight and information have been very popular with our members. This is a presentation about the history of our water supply in Rancho Murieta and the upcoming **Integrated Water Master Plan** that

will be prepared by CSD beginning in March, 2023. It explains our water system, our water rights, and the challenges we will face with our water supply over the next 20 years. Water and the possible lack of it affects our lives, property value, and community existence. There are still a few spaces available for this meeting but space is limited. Email John directly if you would like to attend. Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 24 at **merchant30@gmail.com**