

Petition for a Moratorium on Future Development in Rancho Murieta, CA

The signatures on this moratorium petition demand **Rancho Murieta Community Services District (RMCS D) impose an immediate MORATORIUM on FUTURE DEVELOPMENT** until such time as the RMCS D can completely assess the risk of water shortages and its catastrophic impacts on the community, both economically and physically, including but not limited to, mandatory water conservation, adverse impacts to the environment and depreciation of home values. As residents and ratepayers, we have grave concerns that our water supply cannot meet the excessive developer demands for potable water while maintaining the current water supply for existing residents. The Cosumnes River is Rancho Murieta's **ONLY** supply of potable water for a current community of 6,000 people! We have no backup supply! As pointed out by RMCS D's contracted firms, Maddaus and Atkins, who prepared the recent 2024 Integrated Water Master Plan (IWMP), **OUR COMMUNITY ALREADY HAS A WATER SUPPLY PROBLEM.** Which begs the question - How can we possibly support another 1000 homes?

The residents of Rancho Murieta depend solely on the Rancho Murieta Community Services District for a reliable and sustainable water supply. Developers have plans which will expand Rancho Murieta from 2,850 to 4,000 residential dwellings and add significant commercial and retail development. Developers presently demand RMCS D provide all the water necessary to grow our community by over 50% to 9,500 people. To assess water availability, RMCS D contracted with a water consultant and an engineering firm to prepare the 2024 Integrated Water Master Plan (IWMP). The IWMP presented to the community suggests four untested, unfeasible "options" that RMCS D may ask current residents to bear the cost of implementing. It has been speculated that the four options might provide a pathway to justify planned, but not yet approved houses for developers (approximately 1000). Regardless, the economic impact of the IWMP will fall squarely on the backs of current ratepayers.

The California State Water Resources Control Board and the U.S. Department of the Interior have warned that a warming climate will impact water flows across the entire American River Basin, including the Cosumnes River. Rancho Murieta has experienced droughts during the last 45 years – including more severe conditions in the last two decades. We must acknowledge that another long-term severe drought in Rancho Murieta, will affect the Cosumnes River, which is formed in a fragile and damaged watershed on an undammed river, and will not support the additional development.

As a result of the above critical considerations, we the undersigned members of the Rancho Murieta Community will not support the findings of the IWMP until it is fully audited, fact checked, and peer reviewed for accuracy and viability. We call for a Moratorium of future development to allow this process to take place.

(Please print clearly)

RM Household Address _____ Lot # _____ Phone _____

(Please sign below if you are a household resident over 18 living at the above Rancho Murieta address)

Name _____ Signature _____ Date: _____

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