

# Murrieta Committee FAQ



## Why has the Committee's primary focus been rates?

In recent months, Western Municipal Water District (Western) conducted a preliminary comparison of water delivery options to ensure a high level of service at the lowest cost to you – our Murrieta Service Area customers. The Western Board of Directors (Board) formed the Murrieta Committee to consider whether to further evaluate service options. Staff provided the Murrieta Committee with information on potential cost savings, infrastructure needs, water quality challenges, and imported water capacity needs. During this investigation, staff considered if Murrieta residents could be served more economically by neighboring agencies. In August 2017, the Board unanimously approved placing the Murrieta Service Area evaluation on hold and moving forward with staff evaluating water infrastructure and development-related challenges. Once this study is completed, staff will provide the Committee with the information for their recommendation of next steps.



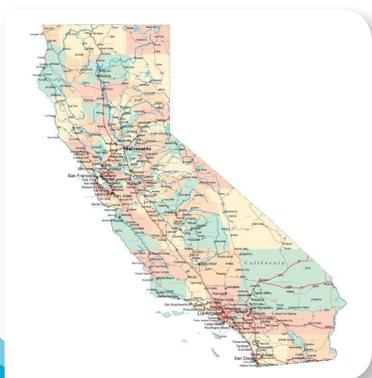
## Can I use another agency's infrastructure for my development needs?

A joint staff work group between Rancho California Water District (RCWD), Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Western, and the City of Murrieta has been meeting to address this. It is anticipated that the deliverable will be an interactive web site based on GIS technology to give parcel by parcel information on: who serves the parcel for water and sewer service, what infrastructure has to be built, what are the connection fees, is the parcel annexed into MWD, what MWD annexation fees are due, etc. Staff is continuing to collaborate efforts with these neighboring agencies to determine how to utilize existing infrastructure to meet development needs. Due to the complexity of this effort, staff estimates this could take one year.



## Is there sufficient fire flow in the Murrieta Service Area?

Yes, all existing customers/services have gone through a water system review by the fire authority. Future development requests will be handled on an individual basis to ensure these requirements are met.



## Will residents be informed of updates?

Yes, staff is working towards ensuring the latest developments are incorporated through this new Murrieta Service Area web page. The most recent piece of correspondence providing updates was mailed to Murrieta residents on September 13th, 2017. To reduce the financial impact of mailing correspondence to residents, from this point forward, WMWD will rely on the web page to deliver updates online.

