



## Hot Water News

### Upcoming Events

#### March

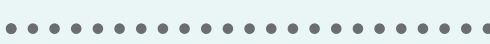
3/20 - Mesa will host The Complete Landscape Workshop.

#### April

4/22 - 4/25 - visit our booth at The Annual Southern California Spring Garden Show.

4/23 - 4/24 - visit our booth at the Costa Mesa Community Run and Expo.

For details, call (949) 631-1205 or visit [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org).



## Fresh Water Facts

### When it Sprinkles or Pours Don't Water Outdoors!

When it rains give yourself and your sprinklers a vacation and let nature do your watering. By taking a break you can save water and money. Take advantage of nature's free irrigation service!

For a more permanent solution, install a weather based irrigation controller on your automatic sprinkler system to eliminate unnecessary watering.

For additional water saving tips and information on available rebates, call (949) 631-1200 or visit our Conservation section at [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org).

## Special Feature.....

### Mesa's Golden Anniversary!



Mesa Consolidated Water District is marking a significant milestone in 2010 as it celebrates 50 years of proudly serving the community.

On January 1, 1960, Mesa commenced operations by acquiring the assets and obligations and assumed responsibility for the four consolidating agencies.

Mesa will commemorate this momentous occasion with a year-long celebration. We invite you to be a part of this historic journey from our community's past into its future. Be sure to read Water District News and visit us online at [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org) frequently for information on upcoming events and special announcements, including how you can get a copy of a limited edition historical book.

## A Message to Our Customers Regarding the Rate Increases

At the end of last year, Mesa's Board approved necessary rate increases. The Board has spread the rate increases over five years to lessen impacts to our customers.

The rate increases will help ensure a reliable water supply for Mesa customers, allowing the District to invest in key infrastructure that will help us reach our goal of becoming self-reliant on local water sources - and not at the mercy of the regulatory and environmental troubles of the statewide water system.

Rising costs from our water wholesalers is a contributing factor to the rate increases. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Municipal Water District of Orange County, and the Orange County Water District have all raised the cost of the water provided to Mesa, and have informed us to expect additional water cost increases in the coming years.

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## Message Continued...

Mesa has taken steps to maximize operating efficiencies and keep rates as low as possible. We have recently refinanced debt and eliminated staff positions, saving our customers nearly \$2 million, and have one of the lowest staff-to-service ratios in Orange County.

By using less water, you can minimize the impact of the rate increases on your water bill, and help ensure there is enough water to meet everyone's future needs. For information on ways you can reduce your water usage, visit [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org) or call (949) 631-1205.

## Conservation

### The Complete Landscape Workshop

March 20, 2009 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



How can you use less blue and have more green? Sign up now for Mesa's complete water efficient landscape workshop, offered at no cost to customers. This incredible workshop will cover Basic Landscape Design, Landscape Plants, Landscape Sprinkler Systems, and Landscape Watering.

Space is limited and filled on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information and to register, call (949) 631-1200 or visit [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org).

## Serving the Community

### Mesa's Speakers Bureau



Mesa is proud to offer an extensive speaking program. Our outstanding Speakers Bureau is as unique and diverse as the community it proudly serves. Mesa's Speakers Bureau is comprised of a group of representatives from Mesa with expertise in a variety of areas. The program is available at no cost for groups and organizations within the Mesa community.

Our knowledgeable and dedicated staff enjoys speaking to various groups about the impact that water and water issues have on our environment, economy, and way of life. All of our speakers are trained continuously on a variety of topics.

Topics and presentations may be tailored to your organization or event. To schedule a speaker for your group or organization, call (949) 631-1205 or visit our Public Information section at [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org).

## Employee Recognition

**25 Years**

Coleen Monteleone

**20 Years**

Barry Carlson

**15 Years**

Maryanne Grunbaum  
Carol Hayton  
Tracy Manning

**10 Years**

Darryl Hopkins

**5 Years**

Rebecca Fong  
Denise Garcia  
Stephen Hershey  
Brent Lindsey

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### Board Meetings

Mesa Consolidated Water District's Board of Directors meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa and are open to the public. For more information call (949) 631-1206.

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We welcome your comments. Send correspondence to: Mesa Consolidated Water District Public Information Specialist 1965 Placentia Avenue Costa Mesa, CA 92627 call (949) 631-1205 or visit [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org)