



Hot Water News

Upcoming Events

April

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

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

May

5/16 - visit our booth at the Community Summer Safety Expo at the Placentia Avenue Fire Station.

For details, call (949) 631-1205 or visit www.mesawater.org.

Fresh Water Facts

Then and Now

Service Area Population
1960 - 37,113
2010 - 113,000

Gallons of Water Delivered Annually
1960 - 2 billion
2010 - 6.5 billion

In 1960 Mesa had no clear water wells, reservoirs, or computers. Today, Mesa has 9 wells, 2 reservoirs, and many computers that are used to operate the District. We have come a long way!

Special Feature.....

District Finances

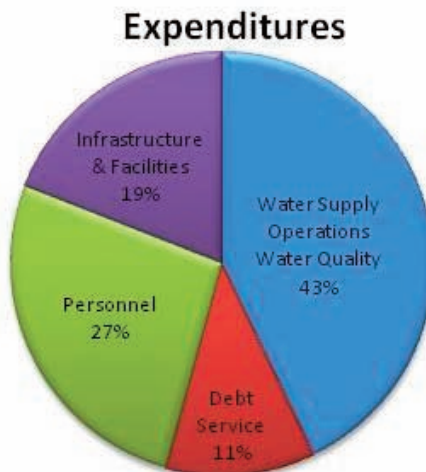
Mesa's Board of Directors takes pride in the "open and transparent" financial process it has in place, which includes ongoing financial and budgetary reviews.

Annually, the Board and staff are conscientious in preparing a fiscally responsible budget and in balancing the less controllable costs affecting ratepayers. Mesa's budgets and annual financial reports have received recognition from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers and Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada respectively.

Thanks to Mesa's conservative fiscal practices, the District has managed rising costs, and we are committed to keeping our rates as low as possible moving forward. We recently refinanced debt at a lower interest rate, reduced our workforce by 15 %, restructured work schedules to reduce overtime, adjusted energy rates, and revised cost on several information technology projects. These steps contributed to saving our customers nearly \$2.5 million.

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The graph below depicts the expenditures of the District for Fiscal Year 2010 by major category.



The budget supports the Board's goals. Ensuring local reliability continues to be a priority for the Board. With the recent rate increase adopted, the funds will allow the District to invest in key infrastructure that will help us reach our goal of becoming self-reliant on local water sources - so the District and its customers are not at the mercy of the regulatory and environmental troubles that jeopardize reliable deliveries through the statewide water system.

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Mesa's Finance Committee meets monthly to review financial reports. Within the reports is information pertaining to accounts receivable, cash forecast, payroll, accounts payable and variance reports. Quarterly, the Board reviews the variance reports, which compare actual expenses to the budget. This process allows the Board to stay informed regarding the status of the District's finances and how Mesa is performing compared to the adopted budget. The review takes place at a scheduled Board meeting and the Board encourages the public's participation.

As we soon will enter the discussion and review of the Fiscal Year 2011 budget great consideration will be given to the impact of the current economic situation and how it affects our customers. The Board will focus on essential services and expenditures in its comprehensive review of the budget. The meetings are open to the public and packets are available online and at the District office. Dates for the budget discussions will be posted prior to the meetings. For more information, call (949) 631-1205 or visit www.meswater.org.

Conservation

Gardening Spotlight



It's that time of year! Mesa's Demonstration Garden is host to the Monarch butterfly. During Winter caterpillars feed on the California friendly Butterfly Weed "Asclepias Tuberosa" and make their beautiful transformation in Spring. In addition to saving water, this cycle of life is another benefit to having a California friendly garden at your home.



Visit one of Mesa's two gardens located at our District office and the Orange County Fair & Event Center. For more information on water-wise gardening call (949) 631-1200 or visit www.mesawater.org.

Serving the Community

Report Water Waste

Mesa's Board of Directors truly appreciates your continued efforts to protect our local water resources. If you have noticed water waste in our community, please let us know so that we may offer assistance in resolving the problem. Mesa provides many "no cost" programs.



Please contact us if you observe a overwatering or runoff, a broken sprinkler, watering during rain, or other types of water waste.

An easy-to-use form is available online. Visit us at www.mesawater.org and click on Report Water Waste to complete and submit the form.

You may also call Customer Service at (949) 631-1200 to make a report.

Employee Recognition

Mesa's Board of Directors proudly recognizes the following outstanding achievements:

Victoria L. Beatley - Completed the Water Treatment Plant Operation Program

Rebecca Fong - Completed the Water Treatment Plant Operation Program

Glynis Litvak - Completed the Water Treatment Plant Operation Program

Jamar Ogan - Earned Conservation Practitioner I Certification and Completed the Water Treatment Plant Operation Program

Leanne Talbott - Completed the ACWA-JPIA Supervisors Professional Development Program



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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

