

# Water District News

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## Hot Water News

### Holiday Closures

Our District offices will be closed on in observance of the following:

#### Veteran's Day

November 11, 2010

#### Thanksgiving

November 25 & 26, 2010

Water bill payments may be placed in our drop box or made online at [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org).

## Fresh Water Facts

### History of Reservoir 2

Mesa's Reservoir 2 was named in honor of Karl Kemp, who served as Mesa's General Manager from 1981 until December 2001, and as Assistant General Manager from 1978 to 1981.

The Karl Kemp Reservoir is an 18 million gallon underground reservoir located beneath the activity field at a local school site. It is a circular, steel reinforced concrete tank with 121 columns supporting the roof. More than one million pounds of steel reinforces the 10,000 cubic yards of concrete. The tank is wrapped with 100 miles of high strength steel cable from top to bottom.

Construction on the reservoir began in Spring of 1992 and was completed in 1995.

## Special Feature.....

### Customer Spotlight - Wyndham Hotel

Mesa's ongoing efforts to promote water use efficiency extend beyond residential customers. Mesa works closely with local water agencies to bring solutions to businesses that have high water consumption and want to reduce their usage. Recently, through the Municipal Water District of Orange County's Water Smart Hotel Program, a Water Use Survey was performed for the Wyndham Hotel in Costa Mesa.

The Wyndham is a mid-sized hotel located across the street from the Orange County Performing Arts Center. The hotel's six floor building sits on three acres of land and consists of 160,600 square feet of building and 22,148 square feet of landscaping. The facility is served by two water meters, one dedicated to landscaping, the other to indoor use. Since this facility is out of range of any recycled water pipelines, recycled water is not available for use in any of its processes.

A thorough onsite survey was conducted of the hotel and its grounds. Based on the data collected during the inspection and the resulting detailed water use analysis of the facility, a comprehensive report was generated for the hotel. It was determined that the primary water uses for the hotel are sanitation, the cooling process, kitchen use, irrigation, and laundry. Based on the onsite inspection and data analysis, several water efficiency measures were recommended to reduce overall annual water use at the hotel.

Implementation of the measures suggested in the report are expected to reduce the Wyndham Hotel's annual water usage by about 54% resulting in a possible water cost savings of approximately \$28,000 per year.

Businesses such as the Wyndham that are working to reduce their water usage are not only benefiting themselves, but the local community. They, along with Mesa are determined to make a difference to our environment and for our future.

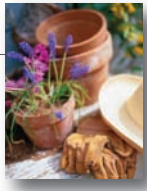
For more information on Mesa's Water Use Efficiency Programs, call (949) 631-1200 or visit the Conservation section at [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org).



*Dedicated to satisfying our community's water needs*

# Conservation

## Potted Gardens



If you have a small space or would like to add some potted plants into your water-wise garden, here are some suggestions that use very little water:

### Night-Blooming Hesperaloe



Sun: Half  
Growth: Slow  
Soil: Sandy  
Size: 3' tall by 6' wide.

### Desmettia Agave



Sun: Filtered  
Growth: Fast  
Soil: Sandy  
Size: 3' tall by 6' wide.

### Toothless Sotol



Sun: Half  
Growth: Slow  
Soil: Sandy  
Size: 5' tall by 5' wide.

More information about these and other plants that require very little water is available in the Conservation section at [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org) or the Garden Spot at [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com).

\*Photos by Mountain States Nursery

# Serving the Community

## Water Wise Kids



Mesa, the Municipal Water District of Orange County, and the Discovery Science Center, together offer one of the most successful and well-recognized water education curriculums in Southern California at no cost.

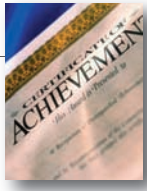
Thousands of students from the schools in Mesa's service area this past year learned about their water, the importance of water in every day life, where their water comes from, and water conservation.

Mesa is proud to recognize the following schools for their commitment to water education:

- College Park Elementary
- Page Elementary
- Paularino Elementary
- Prince of Peace Lutheran
- Saint Joachim Elementary
- Sonora Elementary
- Victoria Elementary
- Whittier Elementary

For information about available water education programs call Mesa at (949) 631-1205 or visit Water Education in the Public Information section at [www.mesawater.org](http://www.mesawater.org).

# Employee Recognition



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

- Victoria L. Beatley** - Passed the Treatment 2 Certification Exam
- Glynis Litvak** - Passed the Treatment 2 Certification Exam
- Coleen L. Monteleone** - Completed the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority Human Resources Professional Development Program
- Tom Neville** - Passed the Distribution 5 Certification Exam
- Jamar Ogan** - Passed the Treatment 2 Certification Exam
- Mark Pelka** - Completed the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Supervisor Basics Professional Development Program
- Leah Shubin** - Promoted to Accounting Technician 2

## Board of Directors

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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)

