

## Hot Water News

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## Fresh Water Facts

### Mesa Water Provides Valuable Fire Protection

Mesa Water's hydrants provide fire protection to our customers and community ...saving you money in insurance costs! There are approximately 3,400 hydrants in our service area.

To ensure proper working conditions, Mesa Water performs annual maintenance on all hydrants, including: checking hydrants in the fully open position to make sure they operate smoothly, flowing hydrants to clean out the barrel, and making sure hydrants shut down completely.

Thanks to this service by Mesa Water, our hydrants are in optimum condition if needed in an emergency.

## Autumn Is In The Air...Time to Make Some Water-Saving Changes!

### Fall Is Also A Great Time To Plant Your Water Wise Garden!

The months of September and October in Southern California can provide some of the year's most pleasant weather. Fall is also great timing for making a few water-wise changes in your outdoor water use. Following are some seasonal adjustments to help you use water more efficiently in your garden this autumn:

- 💧 **Change your plants** — Fall is the perfect time for planning and planting your water-wise garden. The reason for this is that the ground is warm enough for young plants to adjust to their new home and to the approaching rainy season. Also, the plant roots need time to establish themselves so that, when spring has sprung, your beautiful plants are ready to support new growth, and when summer comes back around the plants will be able to withstand the heat.
- 💧 **Change your watering schedule** — Autumn's shorter days and cooler temperatures mean that you can dial back your landscape watering times. During the months of September, October, and November, you can cut your watering times in half because less water evaporates from landscaped areas, and your lawn will thrive with much less water.
- 💧 **Change your timer** — SmartTimer rebate program! Most people are unsure about how much water their landscape really needs. "Smart" timers use actual weather data to automatically: 1) self-adjust your watering schedule to weather conditions through the fall; 2) shut itself off over winter; and, 3) turn itself back on in the spring. There are a variety of SmartTimers available for all types of gardeners—from tech-savvy to set-it-and-forget-it. Mesa Water offers SmartTimer rebates for commercial and residential customers. SmartTimers can save an average of 37 gallons of water per day, totaling 13,500 gallons per year. For more information, go to the conservation section at [www.MesaWater.org](http://www.MesaWater.org) or call (949) 631-1200.



# Conservation Spotlight

## Mesa Water Board Adopts District's Final 2010 Urban Water Management Plan

At a recent Board meeting, Mesa Water's Directors adopted its final 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), now posted at [www.MesaWater.org](http://www.MesaWater.org) under the conservation section. Under California law, water agencies across the state must update their UWMP every five years to ensure that they are planning for adequate water supplies in order to meet existing and future water demands in their service areas. All water suppliers that sell more than 3,000 acre-feet of water or serve more than 3,000 connections are required to submit a UWMP to the California Department of Water Resources. Mesa Water's final 2010 UWMP outlines the District's long-term resources management strategy. The UWMP provides water supply

planning for a 25-year planning period in 5-year increments. Additionally, the UWMP identifies water supplied for existing and future demands based on varying climatic and hydrologic conditions. An important new requirement for the 2010 UWMP is the establishment of water conservation targets in order to achieve a 20 percent reduction in per capita water use by the year 2020, as required under the Water Conservation Act of 2009, commonly referred to as 20 by 2020. For more information about Mesa Water's final 2010 UWMP, please email [info@MesaWater.org](mailto:info@MesaWater.org) or call (949) 631-1201.



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## Board Meetings

Mesa Consolidated Water District's Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday monthly. Regular meetings begin at 7 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.

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# Community Service

## Mesa Water Offers K-5 Water Education Programs for Local Schools

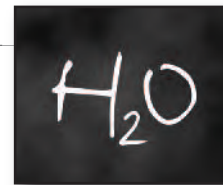
Each year, thousands of local K-5 students learn about water through in-school water education programs provided by Mesa Water in partnership with the Discovery Science Center. Since 2004, more than 18,000 students at schools in Mesa Water's service area have benefitted from this program that is aligned with the California State Science Content Standards.

The grade-specific presentations are provided at no cost to the schools, and teach students about water issues and conservation in an interactive and motivational format. Lessons include information about:

- The three forms of water and the water cycle;

- Water uses and sources; and,
- The importance and value of water.

Schools interested in this educational program are encouraged to apply now since space is limited and the programs are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, email [ajacobson@discoverycube.org](mailto:ajacobson@discoverycube.org) or call (714) 263-3806. More information is at [www.MesaWater.org](http://www.MesaWater.org) under the Public Information tab in the Water Education section, or call (949) 631-1201.



# Employee Recognition

## 16 Mesa Water Employees Mark Major Service Milestones in 2011

The Mesa Water Board of Directors proudly recognizes the following employees for their years of dedicated service:

<b>5 Years</b> Detlef Goris Ryan Graff	<b>10 Years</b> Bob McVicker Bob Mitchell	<b>20 Years</b> Steve Bancroft Dave Hayton Glynis Litvak	<b>30 Years</b> Art Hernandez
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