

Mesa Water Continues to Give Back



Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) gives back in numerous ways. Through its robust outreach program, water wise workshops, school sponsorships, and water education, the District's staff enjoys supporting, and engaging with, the community it is privileged to serve. Like many of you, we have risen to the challenge to adapt on how we can make meaningful connections within socially distant times.

Here are some of the ways Mesa Water gave back this year and will continue giving back in 2021:

- Virtual Services - To provide our customers with easier ways to access and receive information.
- Education – In the near future, Mesa Water will be creating an education center that will provide an inspiring destination for school children to learn about the origin of our water, community integration and the many careers in water.
- Events & Sponsorships – Continuing our involvement with local community programs, including science, sports and arts, and representing our community on regional water topics.
- Community Collaboration - Building engagement with our current and new customers and businesses. Whether it's enjoying a perfect cup of coffee at Moongoat, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Day with the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce, or hands on nature experiences at the Environmental Nature Center, we enjoy celebrating our community and all that it has to offer.

With so many ways to give back, you can count on Mesa Water's commitment to serving its community effectively, economically and efficiently.

Sign Up for Online Bill Pay



Mesa Water bills are sent every other month. Sign up for Mesa Water's online bill pay service for a speedier and convenient experience! The new service offers more ways to view and pay your bill including the AutoPay feature. To sign up, visit MesaWater.org/BillPay.

Mesa Water History: Water Issues Study Group



In 1986, Mesa Water started the Water Issues Study Group (WISG) to further its commitment to provide water education and resources to its community. This adult educational program, hosted by the District's Board of Directors, was open to customers interested in learning more about groundwater.

Decades later, the study group has grown significantly and provided information about water history, water quality, and other important water issues to hundreds of community members. Learn more about WISG and future dates at MesaWater.org/WISG.

Fix a Leak Week

Fix a Leak Week is March 15-21, but remember that you can fix leaks around your home to save water and money all year long. You might have a leak if:

- You've noticed an increase in the amount of water used on your billing statement with no explanation.
- Have a plumbing fixture that runs and doesn't stop.
- Have water pooling in specific locations.



For our free Water-Wise House Call program, visit [MesaWater.org/Save-Water](https://www.MesaWater.org/Save-Water).

Mesa Water Receives Safety Award from ACWA JPIA

A Mesa Water employee has been awarded the H.R. LaBounty Safety Award from the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA), for his dedication to safety innovation.

Alex Garcia, Mesa Water Operator I/II Water Operations, was selected as a winner for eliminating a potential safety hazard by recommending that a dump truck be fitted with a welded ladder to safely enter and exit the back of the truck.

The H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Program recognizes ACWA JPIA water industry employees who implement significant safety improvements to prevent occupational injuries/illness.



Alex Garcia (left), Operator I/II Water Operations with Paul Shoenberger, P.E., Mesa Water General Manager at a staff event (prior to the pandemic).

Mesa Water Receives Top Honor in Financial Reporting

Mesa Water received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR), for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Mesa Water's CAFR provides an overview of the District's financial performance and activities. For a copy of the CAFR, visit <https://www.mesawater.org/images/zdocs/2019-MW-CAFR.pdf>



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BOARD MEETINGS

Mesa Water's Board meets the second Thursday of each month. Regular meetings begin at 6 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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