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Hot Water News

Mesa Water Hosts First International Delegation

Mesa Water recently welcomed its first international delegation to the newly improved Mesa Water Reliability Facility (MWRF). Half a dozen water industry leaders from the Kang Seo Water District in South Korea traveled more than 7,000 miles to tour the award-winning Facility.

The delegation admired the state-of-the-art nanofiltration system and unique gardens, comprised of drought-tolerant landscaping and majestic redwood trees, which commemorate the ancient underground redwood forest under the Facility, where the amber-colored water is sourced.

For more information on the MWRF, please go to www.MesaWater.org/mwrf.php

Fresh Water Facts

Springtime Water-Wise Gardening Tips

Spring is here and it's time to get growing...with mulch. Mulches enhance landscape appearance, decrease weeds, shield roots from extreme temperatures, and help plants by improving water retention, plant health, and development.

In nature, leaves and twigs fall to the ground and create a natural layer of organic mulch material which returns nutrients to the soil. At your home or business, you can re-use chipped brush or fallen leaves as mulch. You can also purchase mulches, such as wood chips. For more information, go to www.MesaWater.org/conservation or call (949) 631-1200.

The Mesa Water Reliability Facility (MWRF) Is A New Community Resource...Now Open For Tours!

In addition to providing a primary benefit of bringing Mesa Water to 100 percent local reliability, the Mesa Water Reliability Facility (MWRF) is an important educational resource for the District's key audiences, particularly for you - our valued customers - as well as for our community and employees; academia, government, and water industry professionals (e.g., infrastructure engineers, planners and scientists); media; and, the public at large.

The award-winning MWRF Improvements Project was completed to perform two essential purposes:

- To achieve the Mesa Water Board's long-standing vision of delivering 100 percent of customers' water needs with local water supplies, thus eliminating the District's dependence on costly and unreliable import water; and,
- To offer opportunities for Mesa Water's publics to learn more about water as a precious resource, including where water comes from, how it is produced, made safe for consumption and distributed, and how to use water wisely.

To raise awareness of wise water use, and of water in general, Mesa Water offers thirty-minute guided tours of the MWRF by appointment. The informative and interactive tours exhibit the Facility's state-of-the-art technology that creates clear water from high quality amber-colored water pumped from deep underground.

Additionally, the MWRF tours showcase the site's beautiful new 15,000 square-foot landscaping that highlights the role of water in our region's past, present, and future. Central to the MWRF gardens is a miniature redwood forest commemorating the ancient redwood trees that once blanketed the local coastal plain. The ancient redwoods give the deep groundwater its amber color. The MWRF gardens also display a wide range of California-Friendly® plants and flowers with three distinct zones - grasslands, succulents, and woodlands - to demonstrate landscaping that thrives with little water in our dry climate.

To book your MWRF tour, or for more information, please email Mesa Water's Communications Department at info@MesaWater.org, or call (949) 631-1201.



Dedicated to Satisfying our Community's Water Needs

Environmental Stewardship

Mesa Water Helps Local Restaurants Be Water-Wise

Did you know that for every glass of water served by a restaurant, it takes a gallon of water just to wash the glass? In accordance with Mesa Water's Ordinance 19 and 21 of the District's Water Conservation Program, local restaurants are encouraged to provide water to customers only upon request. Doing so can help save hundreds of gallons of water in our community each day!

Serving water only by request not only helps save water, it also helps save the environment, and it saves costs for the restaurant—especially if implemented with other low- or no-cost

water-saving actions. Mesa Water offers free water-wise surveys to help restaurants, hotels, and other businesses in the District's service area to assess water- and money-saving opportunities.

To request a no-cost water-wise survey, email info@MesaWater.org, or call (949) 631-1200 and ask for Mesa Water's Conservation Specialist.



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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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Community Connections

Join Mesa Water At The Costa Mesa Community Run, Expo, and Fish Fry

Join us May 31 - June 2 at the sixth annual Costa Mesa Community Run and Family Expo, newly combined with the annual Fish Fry, at Estancia High School and Fairview Park. Mesa Water is again supporting the Run, which benefits academic and athletic programs for Newport-Mesa Unified School District students.

During the events, you can visit Mesa Water's booth, where our Board of Directors and staff will answer your water questions and provide useful information. Bring your most recent Mesa Water bill to our booth to:

- Receive a Mesa Water re-useable water bottle;
- Obtain water-saving items for your home (while supplies last); and,
- Sign up to enter Mesa Water's drawing for a valuable water-wise prize!

To register for the Run, go to the "Public Information" tab at www.MesaWater.org and click "Community Outreach." For more information, email info@MesaWater.org or call (949) 631-1201.



Employee Excellence

Monteleone's Contributions Commemorated By Career Achievement Award

As Mesa Water's Administrative Services and Human Resources Manager, Coleen L. Monteleone has been pivotal in guiding the District to the success it enjoys today. For her 28+ years of leadership and loyalty with Mesa Water, Coleen received the California Special Districts Association's inaugural "Staff Member of the Year" career achievement award.

Trained as an accountant, Coleen began her Mesa Water career in 1985 working in the District's Financial Services department, where she excelled for a decade. Since 1996, she

has been the District's Administrative Services Manager, supporting Mesa Water's Board and General Manager; she also serves as District Secretary, Treasurer, and acting General Manager when the GM is out of the office.

Coleen's positive influence has benefitted every department at Mesa Water. When asked about what she enjoys most about her work, she tributes the outstanding team of Mesa Water professionals—many of whom she helped to hire!

