



## Water Education Throughout the Year

Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) provides [water education](#) to encourage people of all ages to learn more about their water supplies through the following programs:

### 5th Grade Assemblies

Instructors from Discovery Cube OC lead assemblies for 5th-grade classes in Mesa Water's service area. Students learn about our water sources and how to use water wisely. Assemblies are provided at no cost to

schools. To schedule 5th grade classes for assemblies, teachers may call [Discovery Cube OC](#) at 714.263.3806.

## Children's Water Education Festival

The annual Children's Water Education Festival, hosted by Orange County Water District, will be held on March 28 & 29, 2018, at UC Irvine for 3rd through 5th-grade classes in Mesa Water's service area. Schools may also request sponsorship of bus transportation to and from the field trip, awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Schools can sign up at [ChildrenWaterFestival.com](#).

## Solar Cup Team

Mesa Water® is sponsoring Costa Mesa High School to participate in [Metropolitan Water District's](#) 2018 Solar Cup boat-building and boat-racing competition. The sprint and endurance competitions take place at Lake Skinner May 18-20, 2018. Follow @MesaWater on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates. Go Mesa!

## Water Issues Study Group

Mesa Water has reformatted its [Water Issues Study Group \(WISG\)](#) to cover multiple subjects in one half-day workshop, including an overview of Mesa Water, our local water supplies, water quality, and water use efficiency. WISG will be offered fall 2017 and spring 2018, with an alumni meeting in summer 2018. Located at the award-winning [Mesa Water Reliability Facility \(MWRF\)](#), WISG also includes tours of the MWRFs' state-of-the-art nanofiltration technology and water-wise gardens. Visit [MesaWater.org/WISG](#) for details.



## Honoring Hank Panian

Former Mesa Water Director and retired [Orange Coast College](#) Professor, Henry S. Panian, has guided the District through a multitude of advancements and is an outstanding member of our community.

On October 21st, 2017, Mesa Water recognized Mr. Panian as Professor Emeritus for his 30 years of teaching the Water Issues Study Group program.



## Mesa Water is an Award-Winning Agency

**Mesa Water Recently Received the Following Awards and Honors:**

- ◆ [PROTOS](#) award in Public Affairs Programs from the OC Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), for the District's [Measure TT](#) public education and outreach campaign;
- ◆ A finalist in the [OC Taxpayers Association](#) Rose Awards for Mesa Water's financial steps resulting in \$8.96 million in cost savings over 10 years and no unfunded pension liability;
- ◆ A [Government Finance Officers Association \(GFOA\)](#) award of Financial Reporting Achievement for Mesa Water's cost savings; and
- ◆ District Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the [Special District Leadership Foundation](#).

## Mesa Water Perpetually Improves Its Infrastructure

Mesa Water's wells are the backbone of the system that allows the District to be 100% locally reliable. To keep the wells working efficiently, Mesa Water is implementing several improvements, such as rehabilitating our wells, installing energy-efficient water pumps and backup generators, and increasing site security. Mesa Water is also modernizing the wells by adding real-time treatment management systems to regulate and ensure our water is clean and safe. Mesa Water's reservoirs are powered by natural gas, and in the event of a short-term power outage, the Kemp reservoir has the capacity to supply water to our entire service area. To ensure the integrity of our pipelines, Mesa Water performs a series of tests throughout the year for cost-effectiveness and replacement of pipelines based on condition, age and useful life.



## We ♥ Vanguard University!

Partnership with our customers and community is at the heart of Mesa Water's vision to be a top-performing public water agency. Local educational institutions, such as Vanguard University, are an excellent community resource. The recent ♥ Mesa Water event featured Vanguard's Dr. Miranda from the campus' [Jesse Miranda Center for Hispanic Leadership](#). During the severe drought in 2015-2016, the University's "Conserve Blue at Vanguard U" campaign reduced water use on-campus to make Vanguard a *Mega Mesa Water Saver!* Vanguard has also provided exceptional student interns to support Mesa Water's Public Affairs and Financial Services departments, whereby students gained hands-on experience in significant areas of career opportunity. Each winter, Vanguard presents its [Fantasia](#) production at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa which Mesa Water is proud to sponsor. Mesa Water looks forward to many more years of partnership with Vanguard University.



## Welcome Mesa Water's New Chief Financial Officer, Marwan Khalifa

At the age of seven, Marwan Khalifa knew that he wanted to have a career in finance. Marwan earned his Bachelor in Administrative Studies at York University in Toronto, Canada, and Master in Business Administration at Pepperdine University in Irvine. As Mesa Water's Chief Financial Officer, Marwan is responsible for the District's [financial governance](#).



One of Marwan's goals at Mesa Water is to establish or enhance policies for all of the District's financial responsibilities to ensure continued smooth operations for decades to come. In his free time, Marwan enjoys soccer and loves rooting for Italia National Team; he also enjoys cooking, trying out new restaurants and offering detailed restaurant reviews online. For Marwan, managing the Financial Services department in a transparent manner, in harmony with staff and the community, brings him satisfaction in the work he is doing at Mesa Water.



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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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