

Hot Water News

May Is Water Awareness Month

In May each year, organizations throughout California commemorate water awareness month in order to heighten public understanding of water and its value as an important resource. Water awareness month also promotes the role public water agencies play in water conservation, water supply management and distribution. Mesa Consolidated Water District encourages our customers to take advantage of its Water Use Efficiency programs. These programs are available to customers in our service area and include residential surveys, rebates, and landscape workshops. For more information, visit the conservation section at www.MesaWater.org or call (949) 631-1200.

Fresh Water Facts

2011 Water Quality Reports Available In June

Be sure to check your mailbox for the Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa) 2011 Water Quality Report. This annual report has information on Mesa's water quality, supply and sources, as well as on Orange County's residential water use and water future. Mesa meets or surpasses all state and federal drinking water standards, showing our commitment to providing safe, reliable and high-quality water to our customers. The report will also be posted at www.MesaWater.org and available at the District's headquarters. For more information, contact Mesa's Water Quality Department at (949) 574-1031.

Mesa Partners With Costa Mesa Marriott To Help It Become Water Wise

Efforts Will Save Nearly 7 Million Gallons Annually

Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa) customers have become very efficient water users in recent years, and we thank you for all of your efforts to help us meet our region's water-supply challenges. Mesa takes pride in its Water Use Efficiency programs that help District residents and businesses use water more efficiently, including Mesa's work with local hotels to ensure that they, and their guests, follow in your water-wise footsteps.

Mesa recently partnered with the Costa Mesa Marriott to study its indoor and outdoor water practices, and recommended several options for the hotel to reduce its water use and costs. The study was conducted as part of the Municipal Water District of Orange County's Water Smart Hotel Program.

Based upon this study, the Marriott converted all guestroom showerheads and toilets to more water-efficient models; and, all sinks in the 253-room hotel will be retrofitted to include low-flow faucet aerators provided by Mesa. The retrofits have already helped the hotel reduce its water use by 60 percent compared to last year. These changes are part of the Marriott's overall water conservation plan to save an estimated 7 million gallons of water annually — that's equivalent to approximately 4 million toilet flushes or 450,000 showers.

Mesa also worked with the Costa Mesa Marriott to improve communications with hotel guests regarding California's water challenges and the need to join Mesa residents in being efficient with our precious, limited water supplies.

Through activities like the Water Smart Hotel Program, Mesa is committed to collaborating with our customers to help ensure there's enough water to meet our current and future needs. For more information on Mesa's Water Use Efficiency programs, visit the conservation section at www.MesaWater.org or call (949) 631-1200.

Mesa partnered with the Costa Mesa Marriott to install new showerheads, toilets and low-flow faucet aerators that will help the hotel reduce its water use as part of the hotel's overall water conservation plan to save an estimated 7 million gallons of water annually.



Photo courtesy of the Costa Mesa Marriott

Dedicated to satisfying our community's water needs

Conservation Spotlight

Rebates Available For High-Efficiency Clothes Washers

Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa) customers can save water, energy, and money by replacing their old clothes washer with a high-efficiency machine. Mesa customers can receive a SoCal Water \$mart rebate through June 30, 2011, or while supplies last.

To see if your clothes washer is a high-efficiency model, or for a rebate application, visit the conservation section at www.MesaWater.org; applications may also

be available from retailer websites. All rebates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Act fast to get your rebate since, when this newsletter went to print, about 70 percent of the funds had been used.

For more information on this and other Water Use Efficiency programs at Mesa, visit the District's headquarters or call (949) 631-1200.



Community Service

Mesa Offers Wise-Water-Use Surveys

In celebration of Water Awareness Month, Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa) reminds you to use water efficiently. The average Southern California home uses 284 gallons of water daily, including indoors and out. As California's population climbs, future water supplies are becoming less dependable.

Some of the most efficient ways to use water include: fixing leaky faucets, installing water-saving showerheads or flow restrictors, and running only full loads in the clothes washer and dishwasher. Also, you can avoid water waste and runoff by adjusting your sprinkler system.

For our customers, the District provides no-cost Wise Water Use residential surveys with a Mesa Water Use Efficiency expert. The surveyor checks for water leaks, reviews your irrigation system, and provides faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (949) 631-1200.



Employee Recognition

District Employees Are Dedicated To Excellence

Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa) proudly recognizes employees who show outstanding work performance and a dedication to professional development. This month, Mesa recognizes the achievements of two employees who have earned higher certification levels, fulfilling a District goal of maintaining highly skilled and qualified staff and continuing to develop their capabilities.

Tom Neville joined Mesa in 2003 as a Water Maintenance Worker I and, after several promotions, now serves as a Water System Operator II. Tom's most recent achievement is obtaining the D-5 certification, the highest level of distribution operator certification offered in California. The D-5 requires extensive training hours and the completion of state exams.

Mesa currently has six employees with this level of expertise.

Tracy Manning joined Mesa in 1994 and now serves as the District's Water Quality Coordinator. Tracy has successfully obtained the D-5 certification and the T-4 certification, the second highest level of treatment operator certification in California. The T-4 also requires extensive training hours and the completion of state exams. Tracy is one of two Mesa employees with this level of expertise.

The District is proud of these achievements by Tom and Tracy, two members among Mesa's highly qualified staff dedicated to satisfying our community's water needs.



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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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