

Hot Water News

Join Mesa Water® at Concerts in the Park

The City of Costa Mesa's and the Costa Mesa Community Foundation's annual Concerts in the Park series is back for summer 2015!

Join Mesa Water® for all four Tuesdays in July from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Fairview Park for live music, gourmet food trucks, children's activities, and other summer fun!

While you're there, visit Mesa Water's booth, test your water knowledge by spinning our prize wheel, and pick up a water-wise prize.

Fresh Water Facts

2015 Water Quality Report Available June 30

Mesa Water® is committed to serving you safe, reliable drinking water. The District's 2015 Water Quality Report is available at the end of June, providing important information about Mesa Water's high-quality water.

The report includes detailed information about where your water comes from, the District's monitoring and testing of water, and how its quality meets or surpasses all state and federal regulatory standards for drinking water. The report will also be available electronically at MesaWater.org/water_quality.

Postcards with the URL for the electronic version will be mailed to every water user in the service area by the end of June.

Residents, Businesses, and Public Water Customers Must Continue to Conserve to Meet New State Regulations

As the drought continues into its fourth year, water resources statewide are challenged and the Governor is implementing mandatory water conservation throughout California. Cities and water districts, including Mesa Water®, are now required to report a decrease in water use.

In addition, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("Metropolitan"), the water importer to Southern California will be reducing water deliveries to Southern California water agencies by 15 percent beginning in summer 2015, requiring everyone to use less. Though Mesa Water® is not purchasing imported water directly from Metropolitan or its wholesaler, thanks to decades of investments in local infrastructure, imported water is sometimes used to replenish the Orange County Groundwater basin, which is part of the District's water supply. The District is able to provide 100 percent local and reliable water supplies to its customers due to the Mesa Water Board's commitment to improving the [Mesa Water Reliability Facility \(MWRF\)](http://MesaWater.org/mwrf).

Thanks to Mesa Water® customers who are aware and actively reducing water consumption, the District has increased water efficiency since fall 2014. Mesa Water's Board and staff will continue to work with customers to proactively implement water efficiency practices and reduce water waste.

There are many steps that customers can take to reduce water use. Indoor efficiency can take place by checking appliances and devices for leaks, and rebates are available for customers who need to replace appliances. Information is available at MesaWater.org/rebates. Outdoor water efficiency can be achieved by making modifications to landscapes, as well as installing drip irrigation and using smart timers to water only as needed. Keep up the great water efficiency achievements!

Mesa Water District is required to report a 20 percent reduction in water use to the State to help preserve drinking water resources during this historic, four-year drought. For the rules adopted by the Board, in effect immediately and until further notice, see the Conservation Corner section of this newsletter. The full ordinance is available at MesaWater.org/water_conservation_ordinance.



Strong on Safety

Mesa Water's Summer Safety Tips

Summer is quickly approaching and Mesa Water® offers these safety tips for you, your family, and friends to keep in mind while enjoying time outdoors:

Keep yourselves, and your pets, well-hydrated while on-the-go: The District provides BPA-free, washable, reusable water bottles to fill with Mesa Water's high-quality drinking water straight from the tap. To keep "fido" hydrated too, the District offers collapsible drinking water bowls for summer hikes, picnics, or a day at the beach.

Avoid chapped lips: In addition to staying hydrated, put on some Mesa Water® lip balm to help keep your lips from becoming chapped and dehydrated.

Protect your eyes and skin: To protect your skin and face from harmful UV rays, apply – and regularly reapply – generous amounts of sunscreen and wear a hat or visor; also, wear a pair of Mesa Water® sunglasses to protect your eyes from glare.



Mesa Water® customers may receive any of the District's summer safety items by visiting our office, our booth at events, by calling 949.631.1201 or emailing info@MesaWater.org.

Conservation Corner

New emergency drought rules enforced until further notice

Mesa Water District has adopted new emergency water conservation regulations to meet the 20 percent reduction requirement from the state of California. Together with our customers, our voluntary conservation efforts have achieved double digits, but due to water supply conditions, the State is requiring us to do more. We are asking that you focus on the areas that use the most water, specifically outdoor water use. The new rules apply to residents, businesses, and public agencies alike and include:

- Outdoor watering is limited to two days each week: Tues. and Sat. before 8am or after 5pm;
- Leaking or broken sprinklers, valves, or pipes must be fixed immediately;

- No watering of turf on street medians unless with recycled water;
- Restaurants may only serve water upon request;
- Hotels must offer guests the option to reject linen service if not needed; and more.

The full ordinance is available at MesaWater.org/water_conservation_ordinance. Mesa Water® staff will be looking for compliance with the new conservation rules. If you receive a Notice of Violation, the issue must be corrected within 72 hours. We're all in this together. Let's do our part to conserve 20 percent.

Employee Excellence

Meet Mesa Water's High-Quality Water Quality Team

Committed to providing safe and reliable drinking water for its customers, Mesa Water® employs three professionals in the water quality division of the District's [operations](#) department. Kaying (Kay) Lee recently joined Mesa Water® as Water Quality and Compliance Supervisor. Kay supervises Mesa Water's water quality monitoring program – with over 30,000 water quality tests performed annually – as well as the District's environmental compliance, safety, and emergency preparedness.

and at various sample stations along Mesa Water's well-planned distribution route. They also assist customers with procedures for cross-connection controls and installing and maintaining [backflow prevention](#) devices.



The District's customers enjoy high-quality water that meets or surpasses all state and federal drinking water standards, carefully monitored by Mesa's Water's Water Quality Team. For more information, click the "Water Quality" tab on MesaWater.org or call 949.574.1031.



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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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