

## Hot Water News

### Walk or Run the Costa Mesa Community Run on April 23rd

It's time to lace up your running shoes and hit the trails at Fairview Park. The Costa Mesa Community Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016. There is a 5K and a 10K walk or run for adults and a 2K fun run for children. This event features a stadium start and finish, with mostly flat urban cross-country course around Costa Mesa's restored wetlands. Visit [CostaMesaCommunityRun.com](http://CostaMesaCommunityRun.com) to register. The event raises funds for local schools.

## Fresh Water Facts

### Mesa Water® Stays Safe

Did you know that workplace injuries cost the nation \$170 billion annually? According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, there is a "lost time" accident nationwide every three days.

Mesa Water® takes employee safety seriously, and we do our best to prevent accidents by establishing guidelines for employees to perform their work safely and efficiently.

Some of our guidelines include proper lifting techniques and requiring employees to wear appropriate protective gear.

Through the outstanding efforts of Mesa Water® employees, we save money on insurance and "lost time" costs, keep employees safe, and have achieved more than 875 days without a "lost time" accident.

## Mesa Water District Further Restricts Outdoor Watering In Its Service Area To Meet State-Mandated Conservation Goals

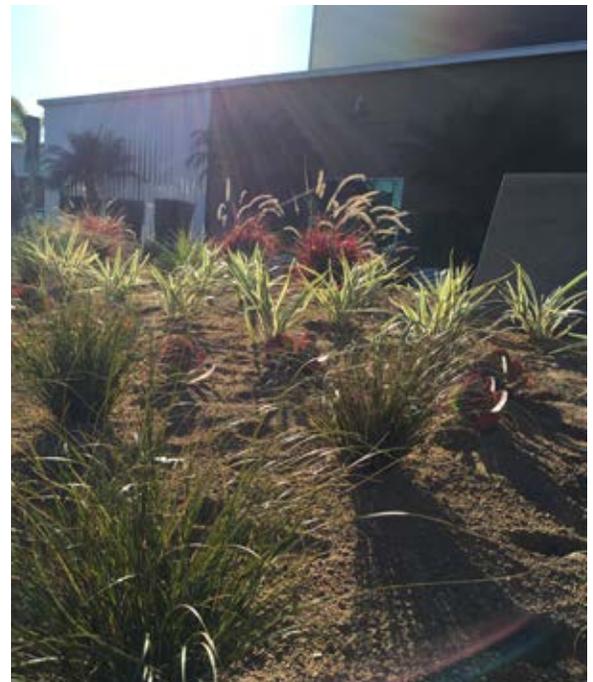
[Mesa Water District \(Mesa Water®\)](http://MesaWater.org) has eliminated outdoor watering throughout its service area to meet the State's 20 percent conservation mandate.

All commercial, industrial and public agency landscapes with dedicated irrigation meters, including Mesa Water's own meters, are off through February 29, 2016. Outdoor watering is permitted only for single family residential customers, or for landscapes irrigated with recycled water, on Saturdays before 8am or after 5pm.

"Mesa Water's customers have been doing a great job conserving, but the reduced baselines for the fall and winter months have presented a challenge in meeting the State's goal," said Paul E. Shoenberger, Mesa Water General Manager. "If the projected winter rains and cooler temperatures continue as expected, our customers will be able to conserve through February while keeping their landscapes healthy," said Shoenberger.

The District's conservation percentages during the summer months averaged 25 percent. However, during the fall and winter months, customers had little room for conservation due to the lower baseline from fall and winter of 2013, reducing the District-wide average to less than the required 20 percent.

If you have conservation questions, or requests for water-wise items, rebates and other information, please call Mesa Water® at 949.631.1200, email us at [conservation@MesaWater.org](mailto:conservation@MesaWater.org) or visit us at 1965 Placentia Ave. in Costa Mesa. Let's all be Mesa Water Savers, even more than before.



For customers seeking tips for their landscapes through the winter months, please visit [MesaWater.org](http://MesaWater.org) and click on the conservation postcard in the middle of the page.

# Reliable Water Supplies

## Mesa Water Reliability Facility Fun Facts

Deep beneath the [Mesa Water® Reliability Facility \(MWRF\)](#) ancient redwood trees have since decayed and now provide an amber-tint to the locally sourced water. The amber-tinted aquifer is approximately 1,000 feet below ground and produces soft water that is safe to drink directly from the source. This reliable water supply provides nearly 30 percent of the community's water needs.

The raw water meets all water quality standards, and the water is treated at the MWRF with an efficient and cost-effective nanofiltration process to remove the amber tint. During this physical membrane treatment process, color particles are removed in order to produce clear water which is then pumped to the businesses and residents in Mesa Water's service area.



# Weather Watch

## El Niño Preparedness

El Niño is forecast to hit Southern California this January and February, potentially bringing heavy rains and flooding. Mesa Water® and both of the cities that serve its residents, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach, are prepared. We want to ensure you are prepared too! Here's what you can do to protect your property and stay safe this winter:



- 💧 Clear drains, rain gutters, downspouts of debris
- 💧 Inspect your roof for any damages, and repair as needed
- 💧 Secure outdoor furniture and other loose items in case of heavy winds
- 💧 Stabilize slopes on your property to prevent landslides/mudslides
- 💧 Trim your property's landscaping and trees to keep branches and limbs clear from power lines and your structure
- 💧 Use sand bags around your property in areas that flood
- 💧 Have an emergency plan and emergency supply kit for your family

We also encourage you to register your phone numbers and/or email with your City and AlertOC; and, for more information, please visit your City's El Niño preparedness page:

- 💧 Costa Mesa – [CostaMesaCA.gov/index.aspx?page=1946](http://CostaMesaCA.gov/index.aspx?page=1946)
- 💧 Newport Beach – [NewportBeachCA.gov/ElNino](http://NewportBeachCA.gov/ElNino)

Let's all have a safe storm season!

# Employee Excellence

## District Operations Meet High Standards

Mesa Water's Operations supervisors, Scott Sullivan and Dustin Burnside, have achieved the D5 water operator certification.

A D5 certification is master level, the highest possible earned classification for operators, which requires years of experience and education to manage complex water systems. Scott and Dustin ensure the District has the appropriate quality and quantity of water for our customers.

Scott Sullivan began working for Mesa Water® in 1996 in water maintenance and distribution, being promoted to Crew Leader and then Operations Supervisor. Dustin Burnside has worked in water production and distribution since 2000.

Tracy Manning, Assistant Operations Manager, also a D5 certified operator, says "the District is pleased and proud of the effort and achievement of its Water Operations Supervisors."



The District's Operations team also congratulates Water Quality Supervisor, Kaying Lee, for her recent certification as a Water Quality Analyst Grade 1.

Please join us in commending these excellent employees in serving Mesa Water® and its customers.



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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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