

Hot Water News

Water Issues Study Group Annual Alumni Meeting Set for June 25th

The Water Issues Study Group (WISG) annual alumni meeting will take place Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at the [Mesa Water Reliability Facility \(MWRF\)](#). This year's interactive discussion will include panels of water and local government experts. Mesa Water® invites you to learn more about the latest topics in water news, highlighted with a tour of the District's nanofiltration facility and water-efficient demonstration gardens. To RSVP for this no-cost event, call 949.631.1201 or email event@MesaWater.org.

Fresh Water Facts

2016 Water Quality Report Available July 1st

Mesa Water's annual consumer confidence report will be available beginning July 1, 2016. The water quality report, also called a consumer confidence report, discusses the sources and quality of water supplies provided by Mesa Water® to its 110,000 customers, including local supplies from the Orange County groundwater basin. In Mesa Water's 55-year history, there have been no reportable violations and the District's water supplies have consistently complied with safety and regulatory requirements. The 2016 Water Quality Report is available in print from the District office, or online at MesaWater.org/waterquality.

Mesa Water District Exceeds State-Mandated Goal With 21 Percent Conservation and Qualifies for Reduced Future Conservation Due to Local, Reliable Water Supplies

Mesa Water District ([MesaWater®](#)) has exceeded its state-mandated conservation goal by achieving over 21 percent conservation from June 2015 through February 2016. The District's state-assigned goal was 20 percent.

"Mesa Water's customers are increasingly aware of the value of water and have stepped up their water efficiency efforts through reduced outdoor watering, upgraded landscapes, and fixing leaks," said Mesa Water Board President Shawn Dewane.

Mesa Water® exceeded its conservation goal with uniform volumetric rates that match the cost of service with a consistent price for each unit of water used.

Mesa Water's new state-mandated goal through October 2016 is 13 percent, due to increased local water reliability. Mesa Water® delivers up to 70 percent of its water from the Orange County Groundwater Basin, an underground reservoir that is recharged by the [Groundwater Replenishment System \(GWRS\)](#). The GWRS takes 100 million gallons of treated sewer water every day, purifies it above drinking water standards, and replenishes the groundwater basin. In addition, Mesa Water® provides approximately 30 percent of the District's drinking water with water supplied by the [\(MWRF\)](#).

Outdoor watering remains the highest residential water use in the District's service area. Mesa Water's conservation efforts focus on reduced watering days and eliminating runoff. The conservation goal was met through broad, consistent public education, increased customer service, and exemplary community-wide conservation efforts by customers.

Mesa Water® hosts water-efficient landscape workshops throughout the year, including landscaping with drought-tolerant plants, improved irrigation, water-wise garden tours at the OC Fair and a landscape expo. Visit MesaWater.org, or follow @MesaWater on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for current event information. For conservation information, visit MesaWaterSaver.org.



Local Water Supplies

The MWRF Turned 3

On March 13, the [Mesa Water Reliability Facility \(MWRF\)](#) celebrated three years of providing local, reliable water supplies to Costa Mesa, parts of Newport Beach, and unincorporated areas in the County, including John Wayne Airport. Since 2013 the MWRF has produced 5.5 billion gallons of water, supplying 30 percent of the District's water needs, which helps keep Mesa Water District locally reliable. Prior to the MWRF improvements, the facility produced water with ozone treatment and had reached its water production capacity. Mesa Water® celebrated the third anniversary on social media using [#MWRFturns3](#) and thanked customers in the community by handing out Mesa Water® gear at ChocXO, the Donald Dungen Library, Surfás Café, Paul Mitchell School, The OC Mix, Fast5Xpress Car Wash, and Firestone Tires, many of which have water-efficient landscaping to offset their onsite water needs.



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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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Conservation in the Community

21 Percent Goal Reached Thanks to Mega Mesa Water® Savers

The State of California called for 25 percent water savings statewide from June 2015 through February 2016. Conservation for individual water districts and municipalities varied by location and Mesa Water's conservation goal was set at 20 percent. Mesa Water® focused on creating efficiencies and reducing outdoor water use which provides the greatest opportunity for water savings. District-wide, our customers exceeded the goal with over 21 percent savings. Several customers achieved Mega Mesa Water Saver status, with water savings ranging from 31 to 56 percent compared to the same month in the base year of 2013, and were recognized by Mesa Water's Board of Directors, including:

- 💧 Janice & Steven Frates
- 💧 Brookview Owners Association
- 💧 C.J. Segerstrom & Sons
- 💧 Vanguard University
- 💧 John Wayne Airport
- 💧 Geoff & Susan West
- 💧 Harbor Village Apartments
- 💧 Mariner's Christian School
- 💧 City of Costa Mesa
- 💧 Newport Mesa Unified School District



Employee Excellence

1,000 Days Without a Lost Time Accident

Mesa Water District has surpassed 1,000 days without a lost-time accident. Although neighboring public agencies in Orange County make safety a priority and have good safety records, few have gone past the 1,000 day mark.

"Mesa Water's leadership provides the time and resources necessary for staff to do their job correctly and safely," said Peter Kuchinsky, Lead Risk Management Consultant for ACWA-JPIA, "and with that kind of support, staff is able to follow standard operating procedures, work efficiently, avoid shortcuts, and engage in safe work practices."

Ergonomics, slip and falls, lifting, and improper

lighting, cause 60 percent of lost-time accidents in the field and contribute up to 75 percent of the costs. Time, training, and resources help prevent these types of accidents.

"Over the past four years, our Board and management team have emphasized training and prevention, while incorporating efficiency into our daily work practices, and our staff has responded with improved safety and efficiency," said Mesa Water General Manager Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E.

