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Hot Water News

Wintertime Water-Wise Tips

Predicting rainfall can be difficult, so here are some tips for saving water – and money – this winter:

- Adjust or deactivate automatic sprinklers to cut down watering on cool and overcast days;
- Only water during extended dry spells. Shorter days and cooler temperatures mean plants need little-to-no additional water; and,
- Don't water when it rains. Although it doesn't rain daily, the rain we do get should be enough.

Visit www.MesaWater.org/conservation for more water use efficiency tips.

Fresh Water Facts

2013 Water Issues Study Group Starts in February

Mesa Water's annual Water Issues Study Group (WISG) is a no-cost, educational program for District customers and community members interested in learning about Mesa Water and local, regional and state water issues.

The 2013 series meets on the third Wednesday monthly, from February to May, in the District's Boardroom from 6:30-8:00 p.m. To RSVP, visit www.MesaWater.org/education, email event@MesaWater.org, or call (949) 631-1201.

Completion Of Mesa Water Reliability Facility Improvements Project Brings District To 100 Percent Local Reliability

Colored Water Treatment Facility Renamed to Mesa Water Reliability Facility (MWRF)

Soon, the final construction truck will leave the Mesa Water Reliability Facility (MWRF) and all that will remain is the faint hum of new groundwater wells amidst beautiful new landscaping that will serve as an educational feature. It took less than two years, and a team of the brightest engineers and contractors, to complete the upgrade of Mesa Water's unique treatment facility. The award-winning project finished under budget, and its additional output will soon help the District reach the Mesa Water Board's long-standing vision of providing 100 percent of customers' water needs with local water supplies.



MWRF's capacity from 5.8 million gallons per day to 8.6 million gallons per day, increasing water production by 50 percent. As the plant ramps into service this winter, it will eliminate Mesa Water's dependence on costly and unreliable sources of water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River.

The improved MWRF highlights the role of water in our region's past, present, and future. In addition to refurbished wells, the upgraded site now includes a 15,000 square-foot demonstration garden, featuring a miniature redwood forest to commemorate the ancient redwood trees that once blanketed the local coastal plain. The ancient redwoods give the deep groundwater its amber color. The garden also showcases a wide range of California-Friendly® plants and flowers that thrive with little water in our dry climate. Thirty-minute guided tours of the MWRF and garden will soon be available. For more details, visit www.MesaWater.org, email info@MesaWater.org, or call (949) 631-1201.

Dedicated to Satisfying our Community's Water Needs

District Spotlight

Learning By Listening

To better understand community sentiment about Mesa Water, the District commissioned a survey of over 500 residents. Findings validate Mesa Water's efforts to meet our customers' water needs and will help shape future activities. Key results include:

Independence Valued - Nine out of 10 respondents feel it is very important for Mesa Water to remain an independent special district. Customers favor the District's efficiency, financial strength, local supplies, low water loss, and transparent communications.

Customers Satisfied - More than 93 percent

of customers were satisfied with the service they received when they contacted Mesa Water.

Water-Use Efficiency Embraced - More than 70 percent of customers regularly take steps to use water efficiently.

Also, eight out of 10 customers feel their community has a reliable supply of water, a number that is sure to soon rise as the District becomes completely self-reliant on local supplies. For more information about the survey, go to www.MesaWater.org, email info@MesaWater.org, or call (949) 631-1201.



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Board Meetings

Mesa Water's Board meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. 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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Community Commitment

Mesa Water Offers Water Education

Mesa Water offers complimentary education programs to teach students about local water issues and the environment. For all 5th-graders in its service area, the District provides in-school water education assemblies and water quality lab programs. Taught by Discovery Science Center teachers, the interactive programs meet California State Science Content Standards, and explore water topics such as:

- Mesa Water's sources
- Water cycle
- Pollution prevention
- Water quality
- Recycled wastewater
- Water use efficiency

Schools that host assemblies before May will be entered to win an Inside the Outdoors® field trip! To register, call (714) 913-5030.

Also, on March 27 and 28, 2013, Mesa Water will participate in the Children's Water Education Festival, and sponsor buses for schools in its service area to attend. Schools are encouraged to register their 3rd-, 4th-, and 5th-grade classes NOW at www.ChildrenWaterFestival.com. For more information, visit www.MesaWater.org/education, email info@MesaWater.org, or call (949) 631-1201.



Employee Excellence

Lind Leverages Experience, Leads Efficiency

District Business Administrator, Kurt Lind, takes pride in how far Mesa Water has come since its days before using a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS). Previously a Senior Management Analyst at Mesa Water, Kurt enjoys working with the maintenance crew and using the CMMS to continually improve operational efficiencies at the District.

Kurt reviews business activities and applications to ensure that Mesa Water is economically and effectively providing water service to customers. Implementing the CMMS to

track and plan the District's water system maintenance work is one of Kurt's most rewarding experiences since joining Mesa Water in August 2005.

As Cal State Fullerton alumni, Kurt and his wife Cherrae are proud parents of two. In addition to spending time with his family, Kurt enjoys outdoor racquetball and cooking classic American food. One of his favorite places to dine in Costa Mesa is Eat Chow!

