

Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa Water) Water District News

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Hot Water News

2013 Children's Water Education Festival—RSVP now!

The Children's Water Education Festival makes learning about water and the environment fun for over 7,000 third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders in Orange County. Having been involved in the annual Festival since its 1997 launch, Mesa Water will again have an activity booth at the March 2013 event. Mesa Water also provides transportation assistance for schools in its service area. Teachers and schools are encouraged to register NOW at www.ChildrenWaterFestival.com. For information, email info@MesaWater.org or call (949) 631-1201.

Fresh Water Facts

NEW, Improved In-School Water Education Program

For the 2012-13 school year, Mesa Water offers no-cost water education assemblies to fifth-grade classes at all schools in its service area. Taught by Discovery Science Center teachers, the interactive assemblies meet California State Science Content Standards. The program includes hand-held electronic keypads for each student to measure knowledge before and after assemblies. For a chance to win an Inside the Outdoors® field trip for your school, call (714) 913-5030 to book your assembly before May.

Mesa Water's Strategic Plan Guides District Performance, Productivity and Provision of Safe, Reliable, Affordable Water



The Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa Water) Board of Directors has a strategic plan that guides the District in achieving its mission of satisfying our community's water needs. Following are some Mesa Water accomplishments:

100% LOCAL RELIABILITY: With the completion of its groundwater treatment plant improvements project this year,

Mesa Water will be 100 percent self-reliant, eliminating the need for imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River. This saves ratepayers' money, reduces energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and lessens the District's carbon footprint.

CLEAN, SAFE WATER: Since its formation more than 50 years ago, Mesa Water has provided high-quality tap water with no illnesses attributed to its water.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Mesa Water has won three awards in the past year for the District's public outreach and communications activities.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION: A recent poll shows that more than 90 percent of Mesa Water customers are satisfied with the District's water quality and customer service.

ECONOMICALLY PRICED: Mesa Water receives no taxes and is funded by ratepayer fees for water use. Mesa Water customers currently receive 2 ½ gallons of water for one cent.

EFFICIENT OPERATIONS: Mesa Water is the most efficient water agency in Orange County with one of the lowest per capita operating budgets.

EVER-NEW INFRASTRUCTURE: Mesa Water practices perpetual water infrastructure renewal using funds designated for the ongoing repair and replacement of the District's water system.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH: Mesa Water's AAA rating has allowed the District to finance its capital improvements at the lowest possible interest rate. Furthermore, Mesa Water fully funds its annual pension and retiree health obligations.

LOW WATER LOSS: Mesa Water has one of the lowest water loss rates in North America.

TRANSPARENT: Mesa Water posts compensation information for the District's Board members and staff on its website at www.MesaWater.org.

WATER USE EFFICIENCY: Mesa Water has one of the highest rates of customer water use efficiency (a.k.a. water conservation) among Orange County water agencies.

Due to the Board's strong leadership and strategic vision, Mesa Water has become one of the top-performing water districts in Orange County.

Dedicated to Satisfying our Community's Water Needs

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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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District Spotlight

Congressman Rohrabacher Supports Mesa Water

As a longtime supporter of Mesa Water, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher was the featured speaker at the annual reunion meeting of the District's Water Issues Study Group (WISG) in June.

More than 30 WISG alumni attended the event where Congressman Rohrabacher reiterated the importance and complexity of creating, maintaining, and replacing water and energy infrastructure.

Spanning more than 25 years, the WISG

program provides information about current water topics for Mesa Water customers and community members. The four-month program is offered at no cost to participants and starts again in February 2013. Go to www.MesaWater.org to register for the 2013 WISG program. For more information, email info@MesaWater.org or call (949) 631-1201.



Economical, Effective Water Services

CMMS Technology Ensures Efficiency

According to a recent study, Mesa Water is one of the most efficient water districts in Orange County. One reason is the District's use of a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) which offers the following benefits:

-  **Planning** – The CMMS allows Mesa Water to allocate for a full year ahead, including projections for needed resources such as materials and staff;
-  **Performance** – The CMMS enables Mesa Water to measure the quantity and costs of performed work; and,

 **Productivity** – The CMMS facilitates Mesa Water's timely water system maintenance and repairs.

The best benefit of the CMMS is the added value provided to Mesa Water ratepayers—you can be confident the District practices continual water infrastructure renewal and improvement in the most economical, effective, and efficient manner possible...and that means cost savings for you!



Employee Excellence

Meet Phil Lauri, Mesa Water's New District Engineer

In June, Mesa Water welcomed Phil Lauri as District Engineer. Lauri is responsible for managing engineering projects, planning cross connection control, and directing the design, construction and inspection of the District's water system. Additionally, he collaborates with other departments to implement the Board's strategic plan goals of providing a safe and reliable water supply and performing continuous infrastructure renewal and improvement.

Previously, Lauri was Principal Water Resources Engineer and Ocean Water Desalination Program Manager for West Basin Municipal Water District in Carson, Calif. While there he achieved the permit approval for an ocean water desalination demonstration project.

Lauri earned an MBA from Pepperdine University and a Master's in Civil Engineering/Water Resources from Long Beach State University. His early aspiration was to be a concert violinist and he was a Music Performance major, before earning a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Cal Poly University Pomona.

In his free time, Lauri enjoys running half marathons and wakeboarding. Married to his wife, Kim, for 23 years, Lauri is the proud father of two daughters—one in college and another a recent college grad. At lunchtime, you may catch him dining at his favorite Costa Mesa pizzeria-restaurant, IL DOLCE.

