

## Hot Water News

### Mesa Water® Service Area Now Permitted to Water Any Day

Mesa Water customers and community members may now water any day during the week, before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. Statewide rules that were created to prevent water waste remain in effect, including no watering during and 48 hours after measurable rain, no watering of sidewalks or driveways unless permitted under the health code, and the immediate repair of leaky irrigation equipment and plumbing, among others. For a complete list, visit [MesaWater.org](http://MesaWater.org).



## Fresh Water Facts

### Staff Approaches Three Years of Safety

In 2012, Mesa Water® hired a consultant to objectively assess its safety practices. Since that time, with strong support from the Board of Directors and management, Mesa Water has improved its rating in 2016 by 228%. Making safety a priority has improved all aspects of operations through focused attention on safety techniques, new or improved policies and monthly discussions about needed improvements. The District is on the cusp of reaching three years of producing diligent work without a lost time accident.

## Mesa Water® Employees Help Local Man Escape from Burning Car

Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) water maintenance employees were driving back to the District office on Wednesday, May 18th, when they noticed traffic backing up and a vehicle stalled in the turn lane. They stopped to help direct traffic around a disabled vehicle and ended up saving a local senior from a burning car.



The stalled Cadillac sedan was in the left turn lane on Mesa Verde Drive West, turning onto Adams Avenue when Mesa Water crews pulled over to set up cones and direct traffic. Crew leader Eddie Nunez and crew member Stryder Huff noticed a strong gas smell and heard a loud “pop” noise as the car caught fire.

The driver, according to Nunez, wasn’t able to exit the car on his own as the smoke and flames were rising up under the hood, so Huff assisted the man with removing his seatbelt, exiting the vehicle and getting to safety. Clear thinking and quick action helped keep everyone safe, including the other drivers and Nunez and Huff.

“We wanted to make sure he was safe, could find a ride home and had his keys with him so he could get into his house,” said Huff.

Mesa Water’s crew members stayed on scene until Costa Mesa Fire arrived to extinguish the flames.

The Daily Pilot published a story about their efforts on May 19th and the Mesa Water Board of Directors recognized Eddie and Stryder at its mid-year employee recognition event in June.

They claim they were just doing their job. We appreciate their commitment to being good neighbors!

*Dedicated to Satisfying our Community’s Water Needs*

## Infrastructure

### Mesa Water's Pipeline Integrity Project Assesses Remaining Useful Life of Water Delivery System

Mesa Water's engineering team has been engaged in a two-step process to test pipelines throughout the service area and assess their remaining useful life. The system was installed over time as different types and qualities of building materials became available.

Beginning with non-invasive sound testing, the District has evaluated the wall thickness of a sampling of the oldest pipes used in the drinking water delivery system. Next, the District conducted physical testing by removing sections of pipe, comprised of a variety of materials and ages, to assess each section's remaining useful life. Through planning and testing, Mesa Water® is creating a proactive strategy for replacing pipes throughout the system based on need instead of using age alone as a factor, strengthening the reliability of the system and creating cost savings for consumers and ratepayers.



## Conservation in the Community

### Students Gain Key Water Knowledge in 5th Grade Water Education Assemblies

During the 2016 school year, Mesa Water reached 900 students in 5th grade classrooms at 11 schools in its service area through a fun and engaging in-school assembly program. Assemblies are coordinated by [Municipal Water District of Orange County](#) and taught by [Discovery Cube OC](#). Students learn where water comes from, the different processes used to treat water, and best practices

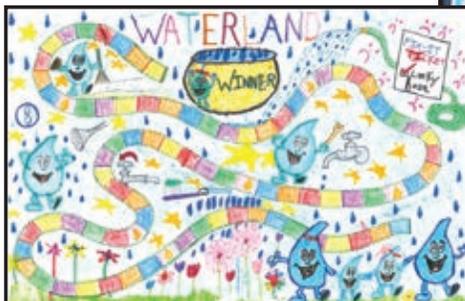
for conserving water in school and at home. Their water knowledge is measured before and after the assembly using electronic keypads, and results demonstrate significant retention of water facts. Students also receive five-minute shower timers from Mesa Water to remind them to conserve. If you know a principal or 5th grade teacher in the Mesa Water service area, please share this free program with them. To schedule your class for the 2017 school year, call 714.263.3806.



## Water Stars

### Student Artists Create Impressive Water-Themed Art Work

Mesa Water's Board of Directors recently recognized two outstanding students for their participation in local, water-themed art contests. Seven-year-old Sophie and four-year-old Stella rose to the top of each contest with their creative expressions about conservation and the drought. Sophie participated in Municipal Water District of Orange County's poster slogan contest and Stella participated in the [Environmental Nature Center's](#) nature art exhibit about the drought in anticipation of its Spring Faire. Mesa Water is excited to share their art with you. Congratulations Sophie and Stella!



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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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