

Long-Time Mesa Water Customer Learns the Ease of Water-Wise Rebates



Forty-two-year Costa Mesa resident and Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) customer, Janice Daniello recently learned how easy it is to apply for a water-wise rebate. Having lived in England earlier in life, Janice takes full advantage of the warm, arid climate here in beautiful Costa Mesa. The temperate weather affords her an active outdoor lifestyle – between playing tennis and pickleball – it is no wonder she has a backyard hot tub to relax in after a day of serving, dinking and volleying on the courts.

Over the summer, Janice was reading her mail and spotted the July/August edition of *News on Tap*, which included an article highlighting pool cover rebates offered by Mesa Water. Janice had an aging cover on her hot tub and decided it was time for a replacement.

She visited [MesaWater.org/BeMesaWaterWise](https://www.MesaWater.org/BeMesaWaterWise) and reviewed the application requirements for the cover. Next, she purchased a cover, installed it and filled out the application. She then mailed the application, along with a copy of the

receipt and a photo of the installed cover and a few weeks later, received a \$50 rebate check in the mail!

Since the new cover was installed, Janice has noticed it has helped keep the water warm and has reduced evaporation. She was pleased that the cover also helps keep out debris from the surrounding landscape.

When asked if Janice had any advice for other customers interested in rebates, she recommends looking at everything that is available, paying attention to any specific requirements and she of course recommends saving receipts. Janice is happy with her new hot tub cover and in the future, she plans to explore rebates for new appliances such as toilets and a washing machine when it comes time for new ones.

Mesa Water offers numerous residential rebates to help customers be more efficient with water use – and save money on your water bill. Clothes washers, toilets, rotating sprinkler nozzles, smart sprinkler timers, soil moisture sensor systems and weather-based irrigation controllers are just some of the rebates available to residential customers.

If you have rebate questions, call or email Hester “Fritz” Petropoulos, Water Use Efficiency and Education Coordinator, at 949.207.5413 or HesterP@MesaWater.org.

Learn more at www.MesaWater.org/BeMesaWaterWise.

Mesa Water Honors 23rd Anniversary of 9/11 with Visit from Costa Mesa Fire and Rescue

At its September 11, 2024 Board Meeting, the Mesa Water Board of Directors recognized the 23rd anniversary of 9/11 with a special tribute that began with Orange Coast College music student, Caden Montini singing the National Anthem. To reflect on the tragic day, Mesa Water shared a video, created by staff, to remember those who were lost and how the nation came together, following the four terrorist attacks. The video included a message of gratitude to the Costa Mesa Police Department and Costa Mesa Fire and Rescue – who valiantly serve the Costa Mesa community.

Mesa Water also welcomed Fire Chief Dan Stefano, Battalion Chief Chris Coates and a ladder truck crew to thank them for their service.

To view the tribute video, visit @MesaWater on YouTube.





Staff Splash: Meet Tony Amaro

Tony Amaro, Facilities Maintenance Worker, is known around the office as a jack-of-all-trades and can always be found with a smile on his face.

What drew you to want to work in the water industry?

I worked for the County of Orange for 23 years, but when my family expanded, I wanted something that required less travel and was closer to home, so I stumbled upon this role and have been here for five years now.

What would the community find surprising about your role at Mesa Water?

Since we are a smaller water agency, our staff often wear many hats. The variety of tasks I do would be surprising to the community – from handling facility maintenance at our offices and treatment facility, fleet inspections, to drywall repair and masonry work – my position is very diverse.

What is your favorite part about your job?

My coworkers – we have a lot of great people who work here.

When you are not at work, what do you enjoy doing?

On my time off, I enjoy snowboarding, kayaking, going to concerts and having beach days with my family. I love outdoor activities.

Residents Enjoy Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration and Water Education



Mesa Water staff engaged with residents at the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration hosted by the City of Costa Mesa. Families stopped by the Mesa Water booth to test their water knowledge and learn how Mesa Water provides 100% local water to the community. Visitors left with new knowledge, useful household goodies and the ever-popular blue rubber duckies! **¡Así se hace!**



AAA Credit Rating Reaffirmed by Standard & Poor's

Mesa Water's AAA credit rating was recently reaffirmed by Standard & Poor's – the highest rating achievable by an organization. This sustained AAA rating allowed Mesa Water to borrow funds at 2%, the lowest possible interest rate for recent critical infrastructure improvements such as the construction of two new wells and replacement of mainline water valves to ensure water reliability. Being able to borrow at lower rates reduces financing costs and helps protect customers from rate volatility. **For over a decade, Mesa Water has been one of Orange County's most efficient water agencies based on the lowest expenditures per capita.**



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