

# **NEWS ON TAP** VOLUME 34, NUMBER 3, MAY/JUNE 2020

## Where Does Your Water Come From?



For the past 60 years, Mesa Water District (Mesa Water<sup>®</sup>) has provided 100% clean, safe and reliable water to its customers. In the early days, Mesa Water relied completely on imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River Basin. Today, groundwater supplies are Mesa Water's primary source of drinking water. But where exactly does our water come from?

Groundwater or well water is pumped from the Orange County groundwater basin via Mesa Water's seven wells. The basin is replenished by water from both the Santa Ana River and imported water purchased from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Mesa Water's groundwater is disinfected with chloramines before it enters the distribution system.

Additionally, Mesa Water supplements its groundwater with water from the <u>Mesa Water Reliability Facility (MWRF</u>). Source water for the MWRF is pulled

from deep below ground, with an amber tint from ancient redwoods. The redwoods, which grew alongside the coast of Orange County over 100,000 years ago, have long decayed over time, giving the water its amber-colored tint. Mesa Water uses state-of-the-art nanofiltration technology at the MWRF to remove the tint and adds the clear, purified water to its water supply.

While Mesa Water is not dependent

on outside sources, imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River is accessible, if needed.

Learn more about Mesa Water at MesaWater.org.



### 2020 Water Quality Report Coming Soon



Mesa Water delivers water of the highest quality and meets all stringent State and Federal drinking water regulations. This is detailed in the 2020 Water Quality Report, available starting July 1, at <u>MesaWater.org/WaterQualityReport</u>, and in print by request. For questions about this report, contact Kaying Lee, Water Quality & Compliance Supervisor at 949-207-5491.

## **Pay Your Bill Online!**



Register today for Mesa Water's online billing service, offering more ways to view and pay your bill, including the convenient AutoPay feature. Visit <u>MesaWater.org/billpay</u>. For assistance, contact Customer Services at 949.631.1200, Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Your Tap Water is Clean, Safe & Reliable



Serving clean, safe and reliable tap water continues to be Mesa Water District's top priority as an essential public service provider. As such, please note this important information:

Your tap water is clean and safe. Mesa Water conducts over 30,000 water quality tests annually to ensure our water meets rigorous drinking water standards. Chlorine disinfects the water to protect against bacteria and viruses.

**Your tap water service is reliable.** Mesa Water continues to be fully engaged in the ongoing operation and maintenance of our water system which is routinely monitored to ensure reliable operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with excellent water service. Learn more at <u>MesaWater.org</u>.

## **Conservation Corner: May is Water Awareness Month**

Be a Mesa Water Saver and practice the following helpful tips to save water!

- Sweep (don't spray) to clean outdoor areas; save 8-18 gallons per minute.
- Set mower blades to 3" to encourage deeper root growth and saves 16-50 gallons per day.
- Plant California Friendly trees and plants, saves 30-60 gallons per 1,000 sq. ft. each day you water.
- Adjust sprinkler heads and fix leaks, saves 12-15 gallons each time you water.

Learn more at MesaWater.org/save-water.





Mesa Water field personnel, circa 1965.

## Celebrating 60 Years – Follow us on Social Media

Mesa Water is celebrating 60 years of service to the community. Follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> @MesaWater for videos, stories, and fun facts about our anniversary throughout the year. Share your Mesa Water memories with us too!

Visit <u>MesaWater.org/60years</u> for a history timeline and more.



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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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