

Dedicated to Satisfying our Community's Water Needs

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# Calling Students in Mesa Water's Service Area: Enter Our Video Contest for a Chance to Win a Cash Prize!



Mesa Water is hosting a video contest for local students who live in or attend high schools and colleges in the Mesa Water service area. Students are invited to submit a creative video (60 seconds or less) addressing one of the following questions:

- Why is it safe to drink Mesa Water straight from the tap? #ByeByeBottled
- What does it mean to you that Mesa Water is 100% local? #PurelyLocal
- Why do you love Mesa Water? #ILoveMesaWater

Get creative – animations, songs, poems, TikToks, monologues and stop motion videos are welcome. All videos submitted are subject to public presentation and distribution on Mesa Water's social media platforms.

Video entries must be submitted by February 28, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Three winners will be selected:

- 1st Place \$1,000
- 2nd Place \$750
- 3rd Place \$500

A panel of judges will select the winning videos based on accuracy, creativity, quality and entertainment value. Winners will be announced in March and will be invited to attend a Board meeting in the spring to be recognized and receive their prize.

To learn more or review the official video contest rules and instructions for submitting a video, visit MesaWater.org/VideoContest.

# Water Use Efficiency Tips and Rebates



Mesa Water is dedicated to the efficient management of water resources to ensure water reliability in our service area. Its 100% safe, local, reliable groundwater supplies and the Mesa Water Reliability Facility ensure we have sufficient water supplies for the community.

With continued dry conditions in our region, Mesa Water has you covered! Check out water efficiency tips, including available rebates at MesaWater.org/save-water.

# Water Issues Study Group to Return in Spring 2022



We are pleased to announce that our Water Issues Study Group (WISG) will be back spring 2022!

Contact Mesa Water Public Affairs at 949.631.1201 or info@mesawater.org if you would like to be added to a list to be notified of upcoming WISG dates. Stay tuned for updates!

# Mesa Water Invests in Infrastructure to Ensure Water Reliability

Mesa Water continually invests in, and proactively maintains our infrastructure, which pumps, treats and delivers nearly five billion gallons of safe, clean drinking water to residential and business customers each year.

Mesa Water is currently constructing

approximately \$80 million of needed water

system upgrades including wells, reservoirs and pipelines.

The two new groundwater wells and the pipeline connecting them to the main distribution system will increase our local groundwater production capacity by 11 million gallons per day. The reservoir upgrades will increase the storage capacity of our reservoirs by more than 15 million gallons thus increasing the reliability of our operations. Various pipeline replacements throughout the service area will upgrade our system to help to prevent water outages. Mesa Water is committed to ensuring an abundant supply of reliable water for future generations.

For construction updates, visit MesaWater.org/construction-updates.

# Staff Splash: Meet Camille Shehadeh, IPMA-SCP



Camille Shehadeh, human resources analyst at Mesa Water, helps recruit top talent to work at Mesa Water.

# Q: What would people find surprising about your job?

A: We are very data-driven in Human Resources. We are always looking for ways to improve our processes by measuring our performance on various outcomes.

### Q: What is your favorite thing about Mesa Water?

A: Being a part of an award-winning water district that not only takes a lot of pride and care in the service they provide to the public, but also in how employees are treated and supported.

### Q: What impresses you about Mesa Water?

A: The technology and innovation that Mesa Water uses to ensure our customers have an abundance of local, clean, safe, and reliable water is very impressive.

### Q: What is your favorite inspirational book?

A: "Daring Greatly" by Brené Brown. Brené Brown conducts research about the power of vulnerability and the important role it can play in one's work and personal life.

Staff Splash is a new recurring feature in News on Tap. Look forward to meeting more Mesa Water employees in future issues.

## See Our New Look at MesaWater.org

Mesa Water's website has a new look! Visit our website today to sign up for online bill pay, check out the water quality section to see how we keep your water safe, learn about water use efficiency, and the latest Mesa Water news. Stay connected at MesaWater.org.





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### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Mesa Water's Board meets the second Wednesday of each month. Regular meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, and are open to the public. For more information, call 949.631.1206. Produced by Mesa Water's Board of Directors, **News On Tap** is a bi-monthly publication to inform Mesa Water's customers and community about water-based issues and events.

### We welcome your ideas:

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