

Governor Issues New Executive Order Calling on Californians to Use Water Wisely

To help California ensure sufficient water for essential indoor and outdoor use, Governor Gavin Newsom has issued a new Executive Order asking Californians to strive to limit summertime water use and to use water more efficiently. Mesa Water supports the statewide effort to encourage all Californians to use water wisely and applauds the Governor for allowing



local water agencies to determine how best to address prolonged dry seasons in our local communities.

Mesa Water has an abundant supply of water due to long-term investments in water sources and infrastructure, so that water is available when and where our customers need it. Between the Orange County Water District's expert management of the Orange County Groundwater Basin (Basin) and the Groundwater Replenishment System, which helps refill the Basin – along with the Mesa Water Reliability Facility, our customers always have several years' supply of 100% local, reliable, clean, safe, groundwater in storage.

Using water efficiently is a way of life and an important responsibility that comes along with the benefits of living in a Mediterranean-like climate that residents in the Mesa Water service area enjoy. In recent years, Mesa Water's customers have voluntarily made water use

efficiency a way of life and have adopted water wise landscaping, irrigation technologies and habits that create vibrant yards, reduce energy use, protect natural resources and reduce landscape maintenance. Efficient outdoor water use is where customers can make the greatest impact because all the water Mesa Water customers use indoors is recycled.

Mesa Water is committed to proactively pursuing and supporting water supply projects, and to keep our community resilient during dry seasons for generations to come, because the best way to mitigate drought is to increase water supply.

For helpful water use efficiency tips and resources visit MesaWater.org/save-water.

Wilson Street Pipeline Replacement Project Completed

Mesa Water's Wilson Street Pipeline Replacement Project included taking a 70-year-old underground steel pipeline out of commission and installing a new pipeline. The new pipeline runs under Wilson Street from the Newport Boulevard intersection to the Harbor Boulevard intersection. The project began in August 2021 and was completed in late April on schedule and within budget.

As part of a \$70 million Capital Improvement Project Renewal program, the replacement of this aging pipeline is one of several major improvement and maintenance projects that Mesa Water is investing in to ensure a reliable water supply for customers. With this project now completed, the City of Costa Mesa plans to resurface Wilson Street in late June/early July.



Mesa Water engineers Andrew Wiesner and Mark Pelka oversaw the Wilson Street Pipeline Replacement Project, which will help ensure water reliability.

Staff Splash: Meet Stacy Taylor

Stacy Taylor, water policy manager at Mesa Water, is dedicated to advocating for safe, reliable, affordable drinking water.

Q: Tell us about your Mesa Water journey.

A: In 2010, I joined Mesa Water as manager of the new Communications department where I implemented award-winning water awareness, education, and outreach programs. In 2013, the department name changed to Public & Government Affairs and my role expanded to include legislative and regulatory advocacy. After several years of advocacy work, I became the water policy manager to focus on policy issues.

Q: What is one water policy position or initiative that you worked on that you are most proud of?

A: My favorite water policy achievements include: advocating for grant funding for our community's water infrastructure; defeating a Sacramento tax on water; defending the public's right to fair water rates; and, leading a stakeholder team in opposing policies and regulations that could negatively affect water cost and availability.

Q: What is your favorite thing about working at Mesa Water?

A: The collaborative and entrepreneurial spirit that infuses every Mesa Water Board member and employee, along with the District's emphasis on ensuring the health and safety of our public and staff.

Q: What do you like to do when you're not at work?

A: In addition to relaxing with family and friends, I enjoy arts and entertainment activities. I am also a lifelong student of dance and yoga.

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



Pictured left to right: Karla Gurrola, Andi Lopez, Sarita Plata, Victoria Perdomo, Elizabeth Palma, Esmeralda Andres

Some Bunny Loves Mesa Water: Video Contest Winners Announced

Mesa Water's Board of Directors announced the winners of its video contest for high school and college students who live in or attend school in the Mesa Water service area. The first place video, "A Bunny's Quest for H2O" produced by Sarita Plata from Early College High School, takes the viewer on a bunny's journey in search of local, clean, safe water. Sarita was awarded a \$1,000 prize. First, second and third place winners were recognized at Mesa Water's Board meeting on April 13. For the full list of winners, visit the Newsroom section of MesaWater.org.

2022 Water Quality Report Available Online July 1

Mesa Water's 2022 Water Quality Report will be available online beginning July 1. You can be confident that Mesa Water delivers high-quality water that meets or exceeds all stringent state and federal drinking water regulations. Learn more by visiting MesaWater.org/WaterQualityReport. The report will also be available in print by request. If you have questions about the report, contact Kaying Lee, Water Quality & Compliance Supervisor at 949.207.5491.



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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.

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