

City earns 'Mega' water saver title from Mesa Water District

At the Mesa Water District's Board of Directors regular meeting on Thursday April 14, the City of Costa Mesa was recognized for its water conservation efforts and presented with the "Mega" Mesa Water Saver award.

Through the city's efforts, along with other local agencies, businesses, schools and residents, the water district has reached and exceeded the state's 20 percent conservation mandate with over 21 percent reduction in water use from June 2015 through February 2016.

"The 10 Mesa Water customers we're recognizing today include property owners and managers with varying responsibilities, who are clearly dedicated to doing the right thing and engaging in activities that achieve higher-than-average water savings during this extended drought," said Mesa Water Board President Shawn Dewane. "We're proud to be part of a community so dedicated to water efficiency."

The water district focused on outdoor watering, reducing water waste at residential, multi-family, business and government properties.

Customers who increased water efficiency beyond expectations were responsible for higher-than-average water savings ranging from 31 percent to 56 percent.

Businesses and Homeowners' Associations amended their outdoor watering for larger landscapes to comply with Mesa Water's watering schedules that changed with seasonal temperatures and weather.

Single-family homeowners and local government agencies implemented additional water-saving techniques, including installing a pool cover, replacing thirsty turf with water-wise landscaping, updating old irrigation with drip irrigation, reducing sprinkler times, installing smart-timers, and decreasing off-peak utility use.

The following were recognized at Thursday's event by Mesa Water's Board of Directors as "Mega" Mesa Water Savers:

- Janice and Steven Frates
- Susan and Geoff West
- Brookview Homeowners' Association
- Harbor Village Apartments
- C.J. Segerstrom & Sons
- Mariners Christian School
- Vanguard University
- City of Costa Mesa
- John Wayne Airport
- Newport Mesa Unified School District