

South Mesa Water is recognized by water alliance

South Mesa Water Company ("South Mesa") has been recognized by the Community Water Systems Alliance (CWSA) for its commitment to ensuring safe and affordable drinking water for the community. This past week, South Mesa was featured in the "Larger Systems Helping Smaller Systems" tour, which included a member of the State Water Resources Control Board and agencies from across Southern California. The State Water Resources Control Board passes regulation on the water quality and operation of water systems in California.

The CWSA tour highlighted presentations by small and large water agencies throughout the day as the best examples of water companies who support disadvantaged communities. Twentynine Palms Water District, Mojave Water Agency, and South Mesa Water Company were among those that presented. These agencies are leaders in their region for providing quality, affordable

water and local support to smaller water systems in the areas they serve. South Mesa Water Company general manager Dave Armstrong presented on the various projects in their service area.

"This was an incredible opportunity to interact and collaborate with several different water systems as well as facilitate discussion with State Water Board member Laurel Firestone," Armstrong said. "Mutual water companies do everything they can to ensure their shareholder's water affordability and reliability. It was wonderful to share and gain recognition around these projects."

South Mesa is currently participating in building a recharge basin in conjunction with the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. They have recently completed over 13,000 feet of pipeline upgrades and

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are in the planning process of installing an additional 23,000 feet of 16-inch pipeline and a new well to better serve their community. Additionally, they are presently assisting the residents of the Hillcrest Mobile Home Park by providing them with safe and affordable drinking water after their local wells became contaminated with nitrates.

"I hadn't understood this whole area before (coming on the tour)," said Laurel Firestone. "It was really incredible. We love to hear about projects like the ones they (South Mesa) are working on."

South Mesa is a not-for-profit water company that serves about 3,000 households in portions of Yucaipa and Calimesa. South Mesa Water Company was established on Nov. 6, 1912, as Yucaipa Water Company No. 3 which was part of the original Redlands and Yucaipa Water Company. In 1913, Yucaipa Water Company No. 3 changed its name to South Mesa Water Company. Records indicate the Company was first organized as an irrigation company.

The company's shares are owned by the residents that South Mesa serves, and the board members who govern South Mesa must be shareholders as well.

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