



moulton niguel water district

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Moulton Niguel Receives Grant to Expand Advanced Metering Infrastructure



We are excited to announce that Moulton Niguel Water District has received a federal grant to help upgrade our meter technology and detect leaks. The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation awarded Moulton Niguel \$300,000 in federal matching funds for our “Advanced Metering Infrastructure” program. The District was one of just 54 projects in the entire country to receive funding from the federal government’s water and energy efficiency grant program.

Under the project, Moulton Niguel will install automated meters at nearly 4,900 residential, commercial, and fire protection sites in our service area. The automated meters will help the District proactively detect water leaks, improve operations, and allow customers to monitor their water usage. This project is expected to conserve nearly **165 million gallons of water every year!**

Moulton Niguel Provides Local Schools with Free Water-Efficient Devices

Under a new **school improvement program**, Moulton Niguel is replacing outdated and high water use devices at schools throughout the Saddleback Valley Unified School District with new water-efficient ones. Moulton Niguel kicked off the program at Mission Viejo High School, where the District replaced more than 250 toilets, urinals, showerheads and faucet aerators with new water-efficient devices. The improvements are expected to save Mission Viejo High School tens of thousands of dollars every year in water and energy costs.



Every school within Moulton Niguel Water District’s service area is eligible to participate in the program. The process begins with Moulton Niguel surveying each school site to evaluate water use patterns, inventory existing fixtures, detect leaks, and identify other water savings opportunities.



Learn more about the grant that is helping to fund our smart meter program and the new water-efficient devices that we’re installing at our local schools by visiting our website at www.mnwd.com/newsroom.

Helping Homeowners Associations Save Water and Money

Thank you to everyone who attended our second “H2O for HOAs” event! We partnered with our local cities and water districts to host another educational workshop aimed at HOA board members, property managers and professional landscapers. Attendees learned about stormwater best management practices, water efficiency tools and rebates, landscape design and native plant selection, and how to finance your landscape project.



In our service area alone, nearly **75% of our residents live in one of almost 400 HOAs**. We are grateful for the partnerships that we have with our HOAs and are proud to have worked on several water-saving projects with them including landscape transformations, recycled water conversions, water-efficient device upgrades, and more. We look forward to working on many more water-saving projects in the future!



Learn more about our annual H2O for HOAs event, and our efforts to help Homeowners Associations by visiting www.mnwd.com/H2O-for-HOAs.

Regional Update: County and City Leaders Consider Future of San Juan Capistrano’s Water and Wastewater Services



Orange County’s government agency that facilitates changes in governance structures, service area boundaries, and the delivery of services is evaluating the future of water and wastewater service in San Juan Capistrano.

At the request of the City of San Juan Capistrano, the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) prepared a comprehensive report regarding the transfer of San Juan Capistrano’s water and wastewater operations to another public agency. The report was formally adopted at OC LAFCO’s October meeting. The report highlights Moulton Niguel Water District as one of

the agencies under consideration, due to our low water rates, excellent customer service, and strong financial capacity.

Next Steps: Moulton Niguel is analyzing if the addition of San Juan Capistrano ratepayers in the District would provide a mutual benefit to all our customers through better economies of scale and shared use of water infrastructure facilities. As San Juan Capistrano considers its future, Moulton Niguel will continue to respond to informational requests from the City and OC LAFCO. We will keep our customers updated on key developments.

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