



Linda Windsor's water IQ won her a 32-ounce Hydro Flask.

Congratulations to a Water IQ Winner!

For the past six years, Ventura residents have risen to the challenge of conserving water in response to the extended drought. While the call for continued conservation can be demanding, Ventura Water strives to equip residents to make saving water a California way of life. Since 2014, Ventura Water has introduced summer campaigns designed to be fun and engaging and to highlight the importance of saving water. This summer, Ventura Water is inviting customers to Test Your Water IQ! Ventura Water has partnered with Cumulus Radio (95.1 KBBY and 100.7 KHAY) to raffle prizes for residents who are willing to test their water knowledge.

Take **Quiz No. 3** before July 9, 2018, to enter to win a pair of tickets to Six Flags Magic Mountain and a **Hush Handboard**.

- The winner will be announced July 9, 2018.

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Dear Valued Customer -

In fall 2018, Ventura Water will begin replacing old manually read water meters citywide with new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), also known as smart meters. Smart meters provide wireless communication between the meter at your home or business and Ventura Water (your local water utility). Some of the benefits will be:

- Streamlined monthly billing (instead of bimonthly)
- Detailed water usage data available to customers online
- Leak detection within 24 hours instead of at the end of a 60-day billing cycle
- Enhanced water quality protection and conservation

What is a smart water meter? A smart water meter, often referred to as sustainable water management technology, looks very similar to the existing meter but has an added device that relays readings remotely.

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- Winners must be available to pick up their prizes at 336 Sanjon Road, Ventura 93002.
- Quizzes will be published twice a month.



Faces of Water



Phil Archer Plant Operator, Grade III

The stories of the people who work to deliver and protect Ventura's water.

1.) Describe your job.

I am a Grade III Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator for Ventura Water's Reclamation Facility. I work alongside a team of operators who are responsible for running the City of Ventura's wastewater treatment plant on a day-to-day basis. We work around the clock to maintain the primary, secondary and tertiary treatment processes.

2.) What do you like best about your job?

I enjoy that my job is multidisciplinary. It requires knowledge of biology,



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Smart meters are considered among the most innovative technologies available to manage and predict usage and, ultimately, they will help improve our conservation efforts for the entire community.

The City of Ventura remains focused on implementing projects that diversify our water portfolio and improve present and future water reliability. The water meter upgrade program is just one of Ventura Water's many ongoing efforts to increase water efficiency and properly steward our precious local water resources. To learn more about the implementation of AMI, visit Ventura Water at www.venturawater.net.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brown,
Ventura Water General Manager



Upcoming Gardening Classes

RSVP [here](#) or to view the full schedule click [here](#).

Plant Selection for Water-Wise Landscapes

Date: July 14, 2018

Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: A Smart Garden, 33 S. Palm St.

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chemistry, hydraulics, and electromechanical and environmental sciences. This keeps me engaged and challenged. Additionally, I appreciate the environment and community at Ventura Water.

3.) How did you get into the water industry?

In high school, I had a teacher who worked as a plant operator. He taught us about the different processes and how the Clean Water Act was bringing greater attention to the careers that would be responsible for cleaning and regulating our water. This inspired me to pursue a degree in biology and become involved in the water industry.

4.) What is something unique about yourself?

I've always enjoyed water sports such as sailing, scuba, surfing and swimming, all of which give me more of an understanding and appreciation for the importance of clean water and proper treatment of wastewater.

5.) What are your favorite hobbies?

Spending time in my remote cabin in Alaska.



**Your 2018 Drinking Water
Consumer Confidence Report
will be available online by July 1, 2018**

Each year, Ventura Water provides its customers with a Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). This annual water quality report provides a snapshot of where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies for drinking water delivered in 2017.

Please read the 2018 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report at www.venturawater.net. This report will be available July 1, 2018. If you wish to have a paper copy, you can print one directly from the website, or you may request a printed version by contacting Customer Care at myvtawater@cityofventura.ca.gov or (805) 667-6500.

Attention landlords, businesses, schools and other groups: Please share this information with tenants, students and other water users at your location who are not billed customers of Ventura Water.

Here you will get an introduction to beautiful Mediterranean natives and low-water-use plants, along with simple tricks to transform your garden.

Rainwater and Greywater 101

Date: August 18, 2018

Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: City of Ventura Maintenance Yard, 336 Sanjon Road

Industry experts from The Toro Company will teach the many benefits of drip irrigation and offer details on how to install and maintain drip irrigation in your yard.



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