

MARCH-APRIL 2022

Helix Highlights



Water Quality

The tap water in your home is our best work. Here's why you can taste the difference and trust the quality.

OUR EMPLOYEES

Our highly trained and state-certified chemist, biologist and plant and system operators work together to produce high-quality drinking water.

ZERO

We're proud to report zero violations of USEPA or State of California drinking water health standards since 1965, when our treatment plant first came online.

OZONE

We disinfect our water with ozone during our multi-step treatment process. Ozone improves the smell and taste issues people associate with tap water.

NO LEAD

We have no lead pipe or service lines in our distribution system, and our water is non-corrosive to customer plumbing.

24/7

Automated water quality testing is monitored by our plant operators 24 hours a day.

200 TIMES/DAY

We collect and analyze over 200 water samples every day.

50-70 TIMES/WEEK

We conduct hands-on, microbiological testing at multiple locations in our water distribution system to ensure water quality all the way to your home.

Questions

If you have questions about your drinking water, please call our senior chemist at 619-667-6248, or do your own research on our website at:
 - hwd.com/water-quality-faqs
 - hwd.com/water-quality-reports



Drought Explained

This drought is like a heavyweight prize fight with the drought in one corner and California in the other.

ROUND 1

17 feet of snow fell in the Sierra in December -- a new record!

ROUND 2

Another record -- January was the driest January since 1895.

ROUND 3

Will March and April bring snow to the Sierra or a third year of drought? Watch the fight, storm by storm, at the California Dept. of Water Resources website.

Go to water.ca.gov/current-conditions

Here in San Diego, we have all the water we need.

Go to hwd.fyi/water-supply



Enter the Lake Jennings Spring Photo Contest

Take the winning photo of people camping, fishing and enjoying the scenery at Lake Jennings and you win \$150. The deadline to enter photos is May 31.

For rules and entry forms go to hwd.com/contests



SPRING 2022

What's Going On



Landscaping

Spring is when WaterSmart landscapes are at their best; you should see what all the buzz is about.

1

EXPLORE OUR WATERSMART DEMONSTRATION LANDSCAPE

We planted Mediterranean, desert and California native gardens around our Administration Office two years ago. Drop by and take a look at the gardens now. WaterSmart plants bloom throughout the year, but they put on a fantastic show between March and May. The gardens are next to the sidewalk at 7811 University Avenue in La Mesa, and you can scan the plant signs with your phone to learn more.

[Learn more at hwd.com/demonstration-landscape](http://hwd.com/demonstration-landscape)

2

ENTER THE 2022 WATERSMART LANDSCAPE CONTEST

Has your WaterSmart landscape become a beautiful, inspiring example for other homeowners? Win the 2022 WaterSmart Landscape Contest and we'll showcase your work. And you'll win a \$250 gift certificate! You can find the judging criteria, tips, past winners and the entry form on the contest website.

[Learn more at landscapecontest.com](http://landscapecontest.com)



WaterSmart Explained

GOOD

Base watering times on the weather

Water plants less on cool days and more on hot days. This is easy with an irrigation controller that monitors the weather and adjusts automatically (save money at hwd.com/rebates). Or make a watering schedule based on average temperatures at bewaterwise.com/calculator.html.

BETTER

Water slowly

Old sprinklers apply water faster than soil can absorb it, and you pay for the water that runs into the street. Learn about rotors for watering large areas, rotary nozzles for medium spaces and drip for small spaces at hwd.com/how-to-water.

BEST

Go native

Plants and trees native to California, Australia and South Africa love the weather in San Diego and thrive with little water. Explore at hwd.com/sustainable-home.



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SIGN UP FOR WATERSMART LANDSCAPING WORKSHOPS

Want a WaterSmart landscape of your own? Sign up for the San Diego County Water Authority's next series of online workshops. The series starts May 4. You meet online every two weeks on Wednesday evenings.

[Register at hwd.fyi/workshops](http://hwd.fyi/workshops)

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DON'T MISS THE SPRING FLING AT THE GARDEN

The Water Conservation Garden's Spring Festival has a new name. Don't miss the tours or the kid stuff.

[Explore at thegarden.com/events](http://thegarden.com/events)