

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2022

Helix Highlights



Happy Holidays!



SUSTAINABILITY

Helix and City of La Mesa to Offer Rainwater Harvesting Workshop

Did you know that one inch of rain on a 1,000 square foot roof is 600 gallons of water? That's free water for your landscaping and that's why Helix and the city of La Mesa are planning a free workshop on rainwater harvesting for Saturday, January 28 at the La Mesa Community Garden. All Helix customers are welcome. Watch for information and how to register at:

hwd.com (our homepage) and at hwd.fyi/rainwater

COMMUNITY

Apply Now -- Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

The State of California program is accepting applications and offers a one-time payment to help low income households pay past due water and sewer bills. See if you qualify and learn how to apply.

[Go to hwd.fyi/bill-help](http://hwd.fyi/bill-help) or call us at 619-466-0585

INFRASTRUCTURE

Helix Receives \$18.9 Million Federal Loan

In the photo below, the Helix board and EPA officials Bruno Pigott and Hector Aguirre celebrate an \$18.9 million loan to Helix funded by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. The loan will fund projects needed for the East County Advanced Water Purification Project and pipeline improvements.



Want to know how we invested water rates last year?

Open our Annual Report for fiscal year 2021-22 and take a look at what we accomplished.

[Go to hwd.fyi/report](http://hwd.fyi/report)



Want to know what we plan to do this year?

Read the 5-page introduction to our fiscal year 2022-23 budget, where our now-retired General Manager Carlos Lugo explains what we plan to do in the year ahead, and why.

[Go to hwd.fyi/budget](http://hwd.fyi/budget)



We're launching a new hwd.com in December!

FALL AND WINTER

What's Happening



Rebates & More



SUSTAINABILITY

Get a \$150 Rebate On a Smart Leak Detector

Our rebate on smart leak detectors, which are also called flow monitoring devices, has increased from \$100 to \$150. Install one of these devices and get alerts on your smartphone when the device identifies high water use or nonstop flow. These devices are the best tool available to detect a water leak on your property when it happens.

[Go to socalwatersmart.com](https://socalwatersmart.com) or call 888-376-3314



SUSTAINABILITY

Get a Rebate for Harvesting Rain

We have rebates for rain barrels and cisterns. City residents in Lemon Grove, La Mesa and El Cajon can get a rebate of \$35 to \$350 and county residents can get \$65 to \$450. The amount of the rebate depends on the size of the barrel or cistern.

City Residents

[Go to socalwatersmart.com](https://socalwatersmart.com)

County Residents

[Go to hwd.fyi/waterscape](https://hwd.fyi/waterscape)



SUSTAINABILITY

Get a Rebate When You Replace Turf

Lemon Grove, La Mesa and El Cajon residents can get \$2 for each square foot of lawn you replace with water efficient plants, and county residents can get up to \$4 per square foot. Please note that rebate funding is subject to change without notice.

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COMMUNITY

We're Expecting Beautiful Weekends for Camping

This is San Diego and winter weekends at Lake Jennings offer a fantastic camping experience - warm days for kayaking, hiking and fishing and chilly nights for telling stories around the campfire and making s'mores. We're also open on Martin Luther King Day and President's Day -- three day weekends!

[Reserve a site at lakejennings.org](https://lakejennings.org) or call 619-390-1623



COMMUNITY

Apply Now for Our 2023 College Scholarships

We award the \$1,000 Lillian M. Childs and Robert D. Friedgen Scholarships each year to two outstanding high school seniors who are pursuing a four-year degree after graduation and live in our service area. Applications are due by March 10, 2023. Interested students should ask their counselor for assistance.

[Apply at hwd.fyi/scholarships](https://hwd.fyi/scholarships)