

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2020

Helix Highlights



LAKE JENNINGS

New Boat Dock Completed

Our new boat dock at Lake Jennings is built with concrete modules -- a foam core makes the modules float, and the concrete shell is expected to last over 50 years. This is where you rent a skiff or kayaks and we think you'll like how stable the dock is, the non-slip surface and the post at each slip to hold on to when you get in and out of a boat. We refurbished the launch ramp, too, and we're open for fishing and recreation on Saturdays and Sundays from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[Learn more and reserve a campsite at lakejennings.org](https://lakejennings.org)

COMMUNITY

Helix Partners with Heartland to Improve Emergency Communications

Our local hills interfere with VHF radio communications, and that's a serious issue for Heartland Communications Facility Authority, which provides communications services to 13 fire departments serving east county. The antenna and repeater the Authority installed on Helix's Calavo Tank, near Mt. Helix, will open up radio communications between El Cajon and Spring Valley for the first time.

[Read more at hwd.com/improving-public-safety](https://hwd.com/improving-public-safety)

INFRASTRUCTURE

Find Out if We're Doing Construction in Your Neighborhood

Investing in the infrastructure that delivers water to your home is one example of how Helix puts your rates to work. We have 10 construction projects scheduled this year, from July 2020 to June 2021, and we recommend using the interactive map on our Current Construction webpage to see if any of our projects are near your home. You'll find project details, the timeframe for construction, and the contact information for the project manager.

[Go to hwd.com/current-construction](https://hwd.com/current-construction)



Tune In Nov. 5



Water Chats

We're talking about the accuracy of water meters on November 5 - Tune in on Facebook Live!



We read your meter every two months to calculate your water bill. Meters have to be accurate, and making sure they are is the responsibility of meter shop manager Dan Baker.

Watch our interview with Dan on Facebook Live at 12 p.m. on Thursday, November 5. He's going to show us how meters work, how we maintain accuracy and how to use your meter to check for leaks on your property.

[Go to facebook.com/helixwater](https://facebook.com/helixwater)

eBills

Want one less thing to worry about?

Sign up for eBills. You won't forget to pay the water bill and we'll maintain your billing and payment history for you -- just like online banking.

[Sign up at hwd.com/bill-payment](https://hwd.com/bill-payment)

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2020

It's Time to Plant



Two Reasons to Plant Right Now

1 When you install water efficient landscaping in the fall, winter rainstorms can provide the extra water young plants need to grow their roots. For their first six months in the ground, water efficient plants need as much water as a lawn.

2 In San Diego, fall is also the best time to plant lettuce, arugula, kale, spinach, beets, broccoli, peas, carrots and more. You'll have something to harvest every week, and truly amazing salads every day.

We're Here to Help



Get a \$3 Rebate for Each Square Foot of Lawn You Replace

Residential and commercial customers can get a \$3 rebate for each square foot of lawn they replace with water efficient, sustainable landscaping. Here's how it works: apply for the rebate, receive approval and then remove your turf. Funding can change at any time, so apply now.

[Apply at socalwatersmart.com](http://socalwatersmart.com)



Watch Our 2-Part Landscaping Webinar on November 10 & 12

Tune in at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10 to learn the principles of California Friendly landscaping and how to start your project. Join us again at 5 p.m. on Thursday the 12th to learn how to remove grass without chemicals, build your soil and select plants.

[Register at greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation](http://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation)



Learn How to Grow Vegetables from Master Gardeners

There are over 300 Master Gardeners in San Diego County trained by the University of California to help other gardeners just like you. Their free guides for beginning vegetable gardeners show you what to plant when in San Diego's climate and much more.

[Go to mastergardenersd.org/beginning-vegetable-gardening](http://mastergardenersd.org/beginning-vegetable-gardening)



Explore Sustainable Gardens

Walking around the fully-grown Water Conservation Garden and the newly-planted demonstration landscape at our administration office in La Mesa will help you visualize how to turn the yard you have into the garden you want. Then explore our website to learn how.

[Learn about sustainability at hwd.com](http://hwd.com)

How Long to Water

In November & December



Sprinkler
Applies 1.8" of water per hour

Plants	Minutes per Week	
	Nov	Dec
High water use	18	12
Moderate water use	12	12
Low water use	12	6



Rotor
Applies 0.6" of water per hour

Plants	Minutes per Week	
	Nov	Dec
High water use	54	36
Moderate water use	36	36
Low water use	18	18



Drip
Applies 2 gallons per hour

Plants	Minutes per Week	
	Nov	Dec
High water use	44	33
Moderate water use	33	22
Low water use	22	22

Need Other Settings?

Use the online Landscape Watering Calculator at:

apps.sandiego.gov/landcalc

If you've never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden.- Robert Brault