

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019

Helix Highlights



Photo: the flume c.1889

Before there was a Colorado River Aqueduct and a State Water Project, there was the flume. It was built with redwood shipped from Northern California and carried into our local mountains by horse-drawn wagons. It was completed in 1889 and delivered water from Lake Cuyamaca and the San Diego River to El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove and San Diego.

COMMUNITY

Our 2018 Annual Report is On Our Website

Helix's historical archive includes annual reports dating back to the district's early years. But our annual report is not only a historical record -- it also offers customers a deep look into what we do. Our newly published report discusses the investments we made in Fiscal Year 2017-18 in new water supplies, infrastructure, energy efficiency and technology.



As a long-time member of the board, I see the continuous improvements at the district and I want our customers to see them, too.

Kathleen Coates Hedberg
Board President (2017-18)

The report also discusses the key accomplishments last year in each of our divisions -- water quality and system operations, field operations, engineering and administration.

Read the Report
hwd.com/key-documents

eBills



3 Reasons to Sign-Up for Helix eBills

1. Use Your Phone

Instead of mailing you a water bill, we'll send you a text or email to view your bill online and pay with a credit card or eCheck.

2. Manage Your Account

Your bill statements, account balance and transaction history are all in one, convenient place.

3. Save the Planet

Going paperless is one way you can lower your carbon footprint.

Learn More

hwd.com/bill-payment

Lake Jennings



Helix's board approved a contract with Jeff Katz Architecture to do a feasibility study for a Lake Jennings events center to host community, commercial and school events.

Learn More

hwd.com/Helix-studying-lake-jennings-events-center

MARCH-APRIL 2019

Events, classes & meetings



Enter Our 2019 Contests

- High School Photo Contest / entries due February 15
- College Scholarships Contest / entries due February 28
- Water is Life Poster Contest / entries due March 15
- WaterSmart Landscape Contest / entries due April 26

Learn more at hwd.com

Photo: 2018 Water is Life Poster Contest winner Roman Cruz and his parents at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California awards ceremony on December 4, 2018.

Spring Break at Lake Jennings

April 12-28

We'll open Lake Jennings every day, April 12-28, and we'll kick it off with our Spring Carnival on April 13 (see below). Camp, fish, kayak, hike and have fun!

Explore at facebook.com/lakejennings



Mar 9 & Apr 6 / New Moon Fishing

A new moon, a.k.a. no moon, means the stars will be out. Fish until 10 p.m. and stay for the weekend.

Apr 13 / Spring Carnival

Start spring break with egg hunts, fishing in the Kids' Pond and games. We're stocking the lake with trout, too - for the big kids.

Explore the events and reserve a campsite at lakejennings.org



Mar 9-10 / Tomatomania!

Take part in the world's largest heirloom tomato seedling sale! Find your favorite varieties and a dozen or two others to try in your summer garden. There is something for everyone!

Explore the event calendar at thegarden.org

Apr 28 / Spring Garden & Butterfly Festival

Spend the day with Ms. Smarty Plants and her friends and enjoy butterfly releases, tours, crafts and much more.