

MARCH-APRIL 2019

Helix Highlights



Lake Cuyamaca

WATER

2019 Seems Like a Wet Year, But So Far It's Just Average

Despite the winter storms dousing the state once or twice a week, California is experiencing an average water year. But that's OK, because our water supply looked a lot better this year on January 31 -- winter's halfway point -- than it did last year.



Snowpack in Upper Colorado River Basin

64%
of January 31 Median
2018

102%
of January 31 Median
2019



Snowpack in Northern Sierra

30%
of January 31 Average
2018

100%
of January 31 Average
2019

What Helix hopes for in a wet year is that a lot of rain falls in the Lake Cuyamaca watershed, in our local mountains near Julian. Helix owns Lake Cuyamaca, and every gallon of water the district captures in the lake reduces the amount of imported water we must purchase from the San Diego County Water Authority.

"This is important," said Helix general manager Carlos Lugo, "because imported water purchases account for almost half of Helix's annual costs."



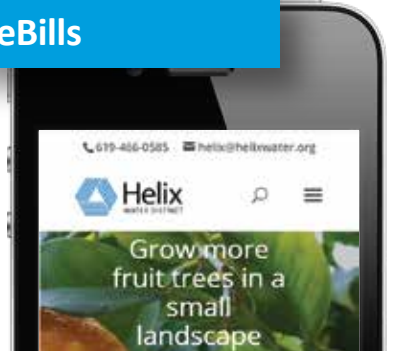
Total Winter Rainfall at Lake Cuyamaca

5.36"
as of January 31
2018

14.00"
as of January 31
2019

"It's too early to know just how wet of a year 2019 will be, but we are off to a good start," said Lugo.

eBills



- 1 We'll send you an email or text to view your water bill online and pay by credit card, e-check or autopay.
- 2 Your account balance and transaction history will be in one convenient place.
- 3 Using less paper is good for the planet.

Learn More
hwd.com/bill-payment

Did You Know?



A water leak in your home or yard can send your water bill through the roof. The best way to avoid a high bill is to check for leaks once a month. We'll show you how.

Learn More
hwd.com/diy

MAY-JUNE 2019

Events, classes & meetings



**Tour the R.M. Levy
Water Treatment Plant**
May 4

See each step of the treatment process, from the control room to the chemistry lab, and learn how we produce the safe, high quality drinking water we deliver to your home every day.

Register at hwd.com/events/helix-water-talks

Memorial Day Weekend at Lake Jennings May 25-27

It's never too late to start a new family tradition, like going camping on Memorial Day weekend. Reserve a tent or RV site or a tipi and enjoy a weekend on the lake.

Make a reservation at lakejennings.com



Entries Due:
Apr 26 / WaterSmart Landscape Contest
May 31 / Lake Jennings Photo Contest

Explore our customer and student contests at hwd.com/community



Apr 27 / Spring Garden & Butterfly Festival
May 18 / Agency Day

Come to the Water Conservation Garden from 9 a.m. to noon for free Hawaiian shave ice (while it lasts), children's activities, garden tours and landscaping advice. It's all FREE for Helix customers.

Explore the event calendar at thegarden.org



May 4 / New Moon Fishing
May 25-27 / Catfish Opener

Explore the events and reserve a campsite at lakejennings.org