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**AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 - 3 p.m.**

DUE TO THE EVOLVING SITUATION WITH THE COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA STAY AT HOME ORDER, EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21, THIS MEETING SHALL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC VIA TELECONFERENCE

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Meeting ID: 811 2875 8227 & Password: 591603**

**The general public may not attend this meeting at the district's offices
due to social distancing requirements**

For public comments during the meeting, the board president will inquire prior to board discussion if there are any comments from the public on each item. Alternatively, if a member of the public prefers to submit their comment by email, the board secretary will submit any emailed comments to the board president. For purposes of submitting comments by email during the meeting please send your email to sandy.janzen@helixwater.org

The public can send written comments to be received by the board secretary prior to 2 p.m. on June 23, 2021. The written comments will be read during public comments or the agenda item specified. Mail comments to the attention of: Sandra Janzen, Helix Water District, 7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942 or email Ms. Janzen at sandy.janzen@helixwater.org

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OPEN MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Hedberg
3. Approval of Agenda (Additions and/or Deletions)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 4. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Board on any Item under the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the District

***Public Comment Procedure:** This is the time set aside for those wishing to address the board on matters not on the posted agenda, which are under the subject matter jurisdiction of the district. No action may be taken by the board except to set the matter presented for the next regular board meeting. State your name, topic and provide the secretary with a request to speak form so you can be properly included in the consideration of the item. Please limit your comments to three minutes so all who wish to speak can be heard. The board is not permitted during this time to enter into a dialogue with the speaker.*

PRESENTATIONS

- 5. The Board Recognize the Winners of Helix Water District’s Annual Lake Jennings Spring Photo Contest
- 6. The Board Recognize the Winner of Helix Water District’s Annual WaterSmart Landscape Contest

DISCUSSION

- 7. The Board Discuss the Timeline and Options for Reopening the Boardroom
- 8. Directors’ Comments/Committee Reports

ADJOURNMENT

- 9. Adjournment

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I certify that on June 18, 2021, I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda near the regular meeting place of the Helix Water District Board of Directors, said time being at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting of the board of directors (Government Code §54954.2(a)(1)).

Executed in La Mesa, California on June 18, 2021.



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board






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BOARD REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Carlos V. Lugo, General Manager 

INITIATED BY: Jennifer C. Bryant, Director of Administrative Services 
Michelle M. Curtis, Public Affairs Supervisor 
Vincent R. Dambrose III, Public Affairs Representative 

DATE: June 23, 2021

SUBJECT: Annual Lake Jennings Spring Photo Contest - 2021

Strategic Focus Area:

Communication and Outreach

Recommendation:

The board recognize the winners of Helix Water District’s annual Lake Jennings Spring Photo Contest

Background:

Annually, Helix Water District hosts the Lake Jennings Spring Photo Contest. This contest highlights the beauty of the District’s Lake Jennings through the eyes and lenses of its visitors. Contest participants submitted photos taken between March 1 and May 31, 2021. This year’s contest also included 11 entries from March 2020 from participants who entered before the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily closed the lake and the contest last year.

The district promoted the contest on its news blog, social media accounts and newsletter. This year the district received 61 entries, including the 11 entries from the 2020 season.

The following photographers took top honors:

Adult Category

Award	Name	Photo	Region
First	Johnathan Bradley	Open Field	Lemon Grove
Second	Johnathan Bradley	Sun Star	Lemon Grove
Third	Jeff Morin	Ladies on a Lunch Break	La Mesa
Honorable Mention	Eric Hyman	Deep Pier	San Diego

Youth Category


Award	Name	Photo	Region
First	Aaron D’Souza	Cacti by the Lake	Carmel Valley
Second	Gabriel Heilpern	Fishing on the Lake	Lakeside
Third	Lillian Heilpern	Trees with Reeds	Lakeside






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SUBJECT: Annual WaterSmart Landscape Contest - 2021

Strategic Focus Area:

Communication and Outreach

Recommendation:

The board recognize the winner of Helix Water District’s annual WaterSmart Landscape Contest.

Background:

Each year, Helix Water District participates in the WaterSmart Landscape Contest, a competition that recognizes outstanding water-efficient residential landscapes based on design, overall attractiveness, appropriate plant selection, proper maintenance and efficient irrigation methods.

The annual competition is in its 17th year. Working together, 13 local water agencies, including Helix, organize and run the contest each spring. Each participating agency selects its own winner.

The district promoted the contest on its news blog, social media accounts and newsletter. This year the district received seven separate entries from customers who wanted to participate in the contest and share their stories of transitioning to a water-efficient landscape.

Helix Water District has named Rosalie Dosik of El Cajon as the winner of its 2021 WaterSmart Landscape Contest. Ms. Dosik transformed her landscape from a large, unused swimming pool into a bright and welcoming water-efficient landscape. The “Asian fusion” landscape incorporates many elements traditionally found in Asian gardens but uses less water by including climate appropriate plants, dry stream beds and an efficient irrigation system.

This year’s winner serves as an inspiration to other district customers and will be displayed on the district’s website and social media accounts. Ms. Dosik will receive a \$250 gift card and a certificate to recognize her work and water-saving landscape.