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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal  
Chet Harritt Pump Station and Lake Jennings Aeration System and Clearwell Effluent  
Meter Project  
SCH# 2023050202  
Chet Harritt Dam No. 56-9  
San Diego County

Dear Ms. Lundy:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Completion for the Chet Harritt Pump Station and Lake Jennings Aeration System and Clearwell Effluent Meter Project (Project), which describes the proposed construction of a new pump station, an aeration system within Lake Jennings, and an effluent flow meter on the 66-acre Project site in San Diego County.

Insufficient information is provided in the project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regards to proposed construction work, specifically as to how the work may impact the dam and appurtenant structures, and it is unclear whether some or all the work will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, the Helix Water District needs to submit preliminary plans of the proposed Project so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

As defined in Sections 6002 and 6003, Division 3, of the California Water Code, dams 25 feet or higher with a storage capacity of more than 15 acre-feet, and dams higher than 6 feet with a storage capacity of 50 acre-feet or more are subject to State jurisdiction. The dam height is the vertical distance measured from the maximum possible water storage level to the downstream toe of the barrier.

If the some or all of the proposed work is subject to State jurisdiction, an alteration application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fee must be filed with DSOD for this project. All dam safety related issues must be resolved prior to approval of the application, and the work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Erik Malvick, our Design Engineering Branch Manager, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 820-7820.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me at (916) 565-7829.

Sincerely,

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