



Notice of Intent to Adopt A Mitigated Negative Declaration

Chet Harritt Pump Station and Lake Jennings Aeration System and Clearwell Effluent Flow Meter Project

DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: State Clearinghouse; Responsible, Trustee, and Other Jurisdictional Agencies; and Other Interested Organizations/Individuals

LEAD AGENCY: Helix Water District
7811 University Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91942

Notice is hereby given that Helix Water District (District), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared and plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above-named Project. The District's service area includes the cities of La Mesa, Lemon Grove and El Cajon, and the unincorporated areas of the county, including Spring Valley and Lakeside.

Project Location

The Project is located in eastern San Diego County, within unincorporated Lakeside on the west side of Lake Jennings. Lake Jennings is approximately 18 miles northeast of Downtown San Diego (See Figure 1). The Project site is located approximately 1 mile north of Interstate 8 and more specifically, just north of the existing R.M. Levy Water Treatment Plant (WTP) off Lake Jennings Park Road, with Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 395-130-38, 395-152-10 and 395-140-01.

Project Description

The District proposes the following improvements to its facilities: replacement of the current Chet Harritt Pump Station with a new pump station; implementation of an aeration system within Lake Jennings; and installation of an effluent flow meter for the existing 5.3 million gallon-capacity Clearwell Tank. All proposed activities will take place within a 66-acre Project area.

Potential Environmental Effects

The proposed Project would result in potential impacts in the following issue areas: biological resources; cultural resources; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; tribal cultural resources; and wildfire.

Based on the Initial Study (IS) prepared for the Project, it has been determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment that cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Draft MND Availability

The Draft MND is on file with the District, located at 7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942. An electronic copy is available at the District's website at: [Helix Water District, CA | Official Website \(hwd.com\)](https://www.hwd.com)

Responses and Comments

The District is soliciting comments during the 30-day public comment period for this Draft IS/MND from May 9, 2023 to June 7, 2023. All comments should indicate a contact person for each agency or organization, if applicable. Please submit email comments to Debbie.Lundy@HELIXWATER.org and written comments by mail to:

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A Final MND, incorporating public input, will be prepared for consideration by the District at a future public meeting. We appreciate your review of the Draft IS/MND. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact me using the information above.



Debbie Lundy, Senior Right of Way Agent/Environmental Analyst

Attachments: Figure 1, Regional Location Map and Figure 2, Project Location and District Facilities

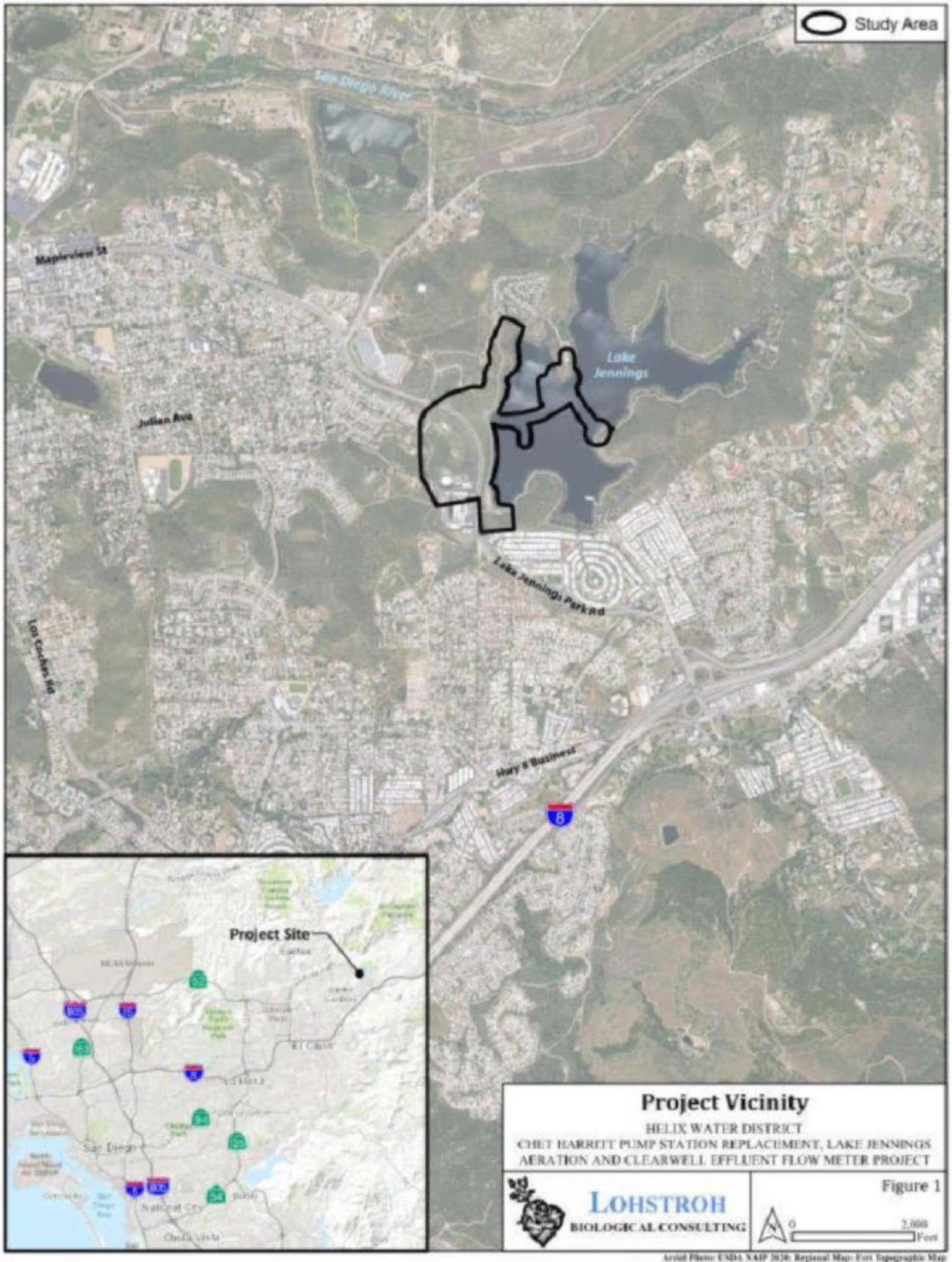


Figure 1. Regional Location Map



Figure 2. Project Location and District Facilities