

# Notice of Determination

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***SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.***

**State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse):** 2023050202

**Project Title:** Chet Harritt Pump Station and Lake Jennings Aeration System Project

**Project Applicant:** Helix Water District

**Project Location (include county):** In and along the western shoreline of Lake Jennings within the unincorporated community of Lakeside, San Diego County, California, 92040. The Project's approximate center readings are latitude 32.857465, longitude -116.888221.

**Project Description:** The San Diego Water Board issued a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (Certification No. R9-2024-0019) to the Project Applicant to implement necessary improvements to existing facilities to accommodate the construction and implementation of the East County Advanced Water Purification Project. The project primarily consists of replacing the current Chet Harritt Pump Station, installing a new aeration system within Lake Jennings, and installing a new effluent flow meter for the existing Clearwell Tank. These activities will involve permanent construction of a concrete air supply pipeline headwall structure within the lake bottom, permanent placement of not more than 200 2-foot by 3-foot concrete air supply pipeline and diffuser curtain pipeline anchors on the lake bottom, temporary trenching impacts to install approximately nine feet of the aeration pipelines below ground surface level from the shoreline to the headwall, and temporary impacts from vegetation clearing and ground disturbance within construction access areas. Temporary impact areas will be restored in accordance with an approved restoration

plan and permanent loss of aquatic resource will be mitigated through the purchase of re-establishment mitigation bank credits from the San Luis Rey Mitigation Bank.

This is to advise that the San Diego Water Board, a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on January 23, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the San Diego Water Board's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by the San Diego Water Board for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by the San Diego Water Board for this project.
6. Findings were made by the San Diego Water Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The record associated with the San Diego Water Board's decision is available at 2375 Northside Drive, Ste. 100, San Diego CA 92108, ph. 619-521-1990 (Electronic File No./PIN 890101).

Signature (Public Agency) of David W. Gibson, Executive Officer:

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resource Code.  
Reference Sections 210000-21174, Public Resource Code.