



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 37-08/28/2024-0692
STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY HELIX WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/28/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2024-0692	
PROJECT TITLE DIVERTING DAM DEBRIS AND VEGETATION REMOVAL PROJECT-2023		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME HELIX WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-667-6268
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 7811 UNIVERSITY AVE	CITY LA MESA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 91942

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	0.00

- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, LIZANA GUZMAN, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: CHECK #226055



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

FILED
Aug 28, 2024 12:45 PM
JORDAN Z. MARKS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2024-000751
State Receipt # 37082820240692

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Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

DIVERTING DAM DEBRIS AND VEGETATION REMOVAL PROJECT- 2023

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY CLERK ON** August 28, 2024
Posted August 28, 2024 **Removed** _____
Returned to agency on _____
DEPUTY _____

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: Helix Water District (Public Agency) Address: 7811 University Ave La Mesa, CA 91942 Telephone: (619) 667-6268</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk County of San Diego 1600 Pacific Coast Highway San Diego, CA 92110</p>	

1. Project Title:	Diverting Dam Debris and Vegetation Removal Project- 2023
2. Project Applicant:	Helix Water District 7811 University Ave, La Mesa, CA 91942
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	North of El Capitan Reservoir and south of Boulder Creek, southeast of the unincorporated community of Ramona in San Diego County. N 32°58’12”, S 116°44’22” Thomas Bros. Coordinates Page 1194, Grid D-1 Please see attached <u>Exhibit B</u> Vicinity Map.
4. (a) Project Location – City: n/a	(b) Project Location – County of San Diego
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	See Attached Exhibit “A”
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Helix Water District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Helix Water District
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	State CEQA Guidelines 15050(c)(2)-(3)
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

(e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 1, State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (existing facilities); Class 4, State CEQA Guidelines §51304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The Project is categorically exempt under Class 1 because it consists of (d) restoration and rehabilitation of deteriorated facilities and involves no expansion of use, (l) maintenance of stream channels (clearing of debris) and under Class 4 because it consists of (d) minor alterations to land, water, vegetation which result in improvement of habitat.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Manual Barron, Project Manager (619) 596-1320
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing.	
12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was:	


 Signature

Date: 8/23/2004

Debra Lundy
 Name

Title: Senior Right of Way Agent & Environmental Analyst

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

(Clerk Stamp Here)

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

EXHIBIT "A"

**FORM "B" NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
Diverting Dam Debris and Vegetation Removal Project 2024**

Background:

Upon completion (in 1887) the Cuyamaca and Diverting dams became integral pieces of infrastructure for the San Diego Flume Company (Helix Water District is the successor). Water was stored behind Cuyamaca dam during the rainy season and then transferred via Boulder Creek and the San Diego River to the Diverting dam. Once at the Diverting dam, water was released into the flume, and eventually stored in La Mesa for distribution to its customers. By 1937, the flume was abandoned, due to the construction of El Capitan Dam and Reservoir. The District retains the right to store up to 10,000 acre-feet of water annually in El Capitan Reservoir.

The Diverting Dam continues to be used as a metering station to account for the District's storage rights in El Capitan Reservoir, and will continue to be used in this manner for the foreseeable future. An average of 6,565 acre feet per year flows through this metering station and is ultimately transferred from El Capitan Reservoir to either Lake Jennings, or Helix Water District's R. M. Levy Water Treatment Plant thusly serving as local water supply and helping to reduce the amount of imported water required in the County.

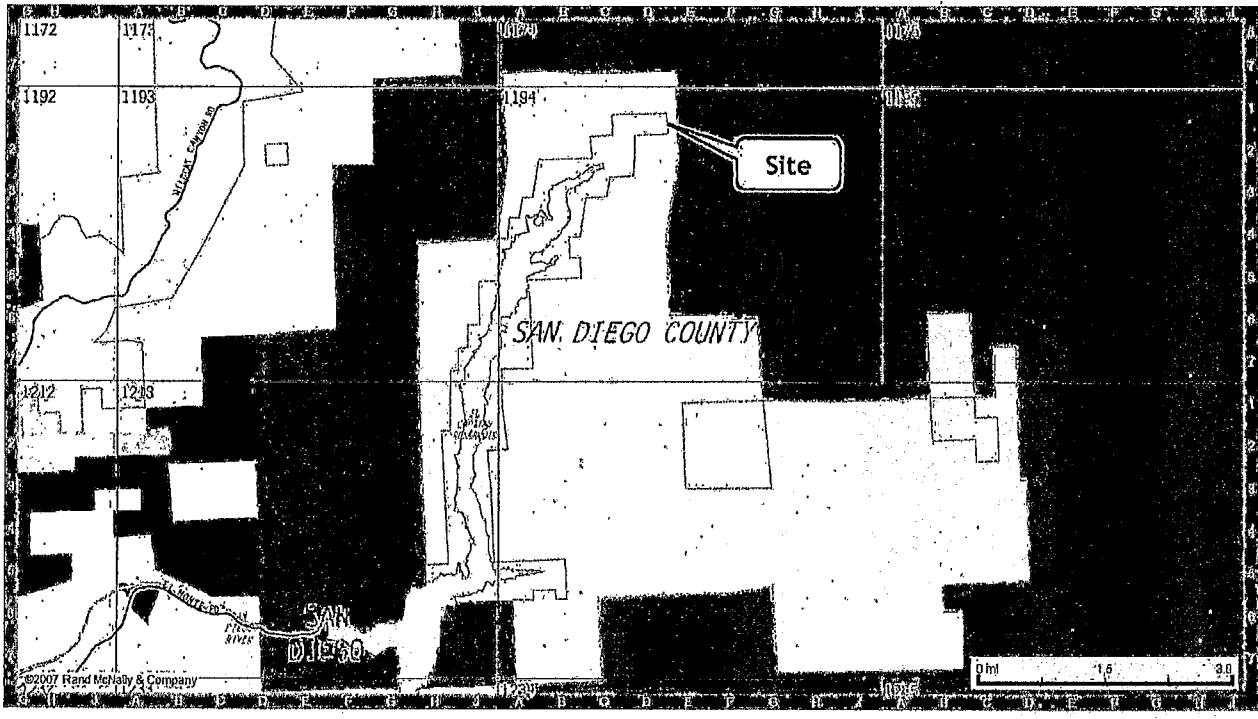
Project:

The District is proposing a maintenance project to remove trash, debris, silt and vegetation that facilitates the inspection and continued safe operation of the dam and metering station.

Since 2003 the district has maintained a Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Current agreement is SAA #1600-2014-0194-R5, issued 2014 and renewed on September 30, 2019 through November 30, 2024. All project work will be in compliance with the SAA; per SSA Section 2.1 (Seasonal Restrictions), no vegetation or sediment removal work will be performed between March 15 and September 15, to avoid potential impacts to nesting birds.

The benefits associated with the proposed project include the ability to transfer local water supply in an efficient manner, reduce the dependence on imported water, and the continued integrity of the dam. Another benefit will be the reestablishment of a small pool of water behind the dam that in the past has been used by wildlife. This will benefit both the customers of Helix Water District as well as the continued safety of downstream properties. Project is slated to begin after September 15 in accordance with the SAA permit and be completed by November 30, 2023.

EXHIBIT "B"



VICINITY MAP
Diverting Dam Debris and Vegetation Removal Project