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Project Title

**LAKE JENNINGS CAMPGROUND & PUBLIC ACCESS RECREATION AMENITY
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

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) **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location			
Public Agency	Helix Water District		
Project Name	Lake Jennings Campground & Public Access Recreation Amenity Improvements Project		
Project Description	The Helix Water District proposes to renovate and expand the existing campground and recreation facilities at Lake Jennings at two project sites along the lakeshore. The campground portion of the project consists of a whole campground site redevelopment, including enhancements to existing facilities and installation of new campground sites and new recreational amenities. The County recreational amenity portion of the project would redevelop an existing paved parking lot with a playground featuring play equipment, wood fiber surfacing, and a fenced dog park		
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)	The project site is located in eastern San Diego County, within unincorporated Lakeside, which is approximately 18 miles northeast of downtown San Diego. The 85-acre reservoir is located along Harritt Road, approximately 0.60 miles north of Interstate 8 (I-8). The Lake Jennings Campground & Public Access Recreation Amenity Improvements Project (project) is proposed on two, non-contiguous sites along the lake's shoreline situated along Bass Drive Assessor's Parcel Numbers 395-140-01 and 395-152-10		
This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency's staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has, therefore, prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5		
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation		
<input type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency		
If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:			
Date	N/A	Time	N/A
		Location	N/A
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at Helix Water District 7811 University Avenue La Mesa, CA 91942			

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format by the following method An electronic copy is available at the District's website at *****.hwd.com/268/CEQA-Notices
Lead Agency address Helix Water District, ATTN Debbie Lundy 7811 University Avenue La Mesa, CA 91942 Debbie Lundy@HELIXWATER.org
Comments will be received from August 22, 2025 to September 22, 2025
Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency prior to September 22, 2025. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested

The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on
Date November 5, 2025 Time 3 30 pm
If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

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SUMMARY FORM FOR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL

Lead agencies must submit Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH) through the CEQA Submit portal. The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123 electronically only. Please include the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

State Clearinghouse Number:

To be assigned

Project Title:

Lake Jennings Campground & Public Access Recreation Amenity Improvements Project

Lead Agency:

Helix Water District
7811 University Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91942

Contact Name: Debbie Lundy

Email: Debbie.Lundy@HELIXWATER.org

Phone Number: (619) 667-6268

Project Location (City and County): Unincorporated Lakeside, San Diego County

Provide a Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

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Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project would have potentially significant impacts associated with biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources. The implementation of mitigation measures for each of these resource topics would reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None are known at this time.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- County of San Diego (Grading Permit)
- Regional Water Quality Control Board (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction of Land Disturbance Activities)