



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-06/23/2026-0548

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY HELIX WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 06/23/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2026-0548	

PROJECT TITLE
IN-HOUSE SMALL VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (CIP27003)

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:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	0.00

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

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy

Payment Reference #: CHECK #229269



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Project Title

IN-HOUSE SMALL VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (CIP27003)

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):

Posted: 6/23/26

Filed by: ELVA STOPKE

Deputy County Clerk

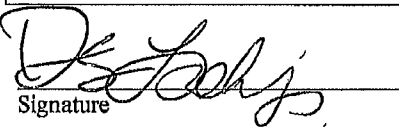
Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.6.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

1. Project Title:	In-House Small Valve Replacement Project (CIP27003)
2. Project Applicant:	Helix Water District
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):	Please see attached <u>Exhibit A</u> Vicinity Maps.
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) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☐ Not a project.	State CEQA Guidelines 15050(c)(2)-(3)
(c) ☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(e) ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 1, State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (maintenance of existing facilities) Class 2, State CEQA Guidelines §15302 (replacement of existing facilities)
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☐ Other. Explanation:	

9. Reason why project was exempt:	The Project is categorically exempt under Class 1 because it consists of existing facilities and does not include expansion of use beyond the existing facilities; and under Class 2 because it consists of the replacement of existing, asphalt in the same footprint, and will have the same purpose and capacity as the asphalt being replaced.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Oliver Malkin (619) 596-1360
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 ☐ No ☒ If yes, the date of the public hearing was:	


Signature

Date: 6/22/2026

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
PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

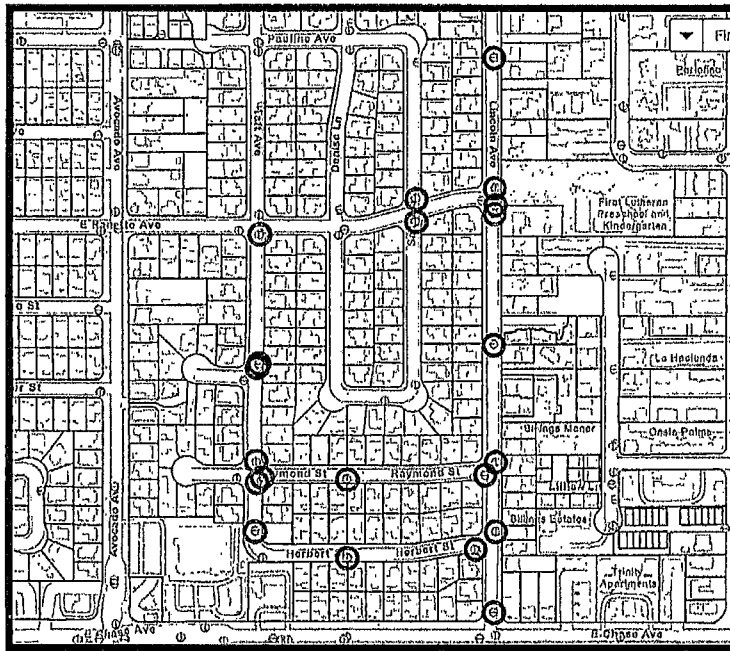
**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
SMALL VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (CIP27003)**

The scope of work for this project calls for the replacement of approximately 50 valves (14-inch or smaller) in various locations throughout the City of El Cajon, within the Helix Water District (District) boundaries. All of the valves scheduled for replacement are located either within dedicated right-of-way, or within easements held by the District.

Project CIP27003 construction is scheduled to begin July 1, 2026 as part of the District's ongoing Small Valve Replacement Program (Program), which was initiated in 2007. One of the District's goals of the program is to identify and replace all valves 14-inch or smaller which are inoperable and/or at the end of their service life. The approximately 50 valves which are the subject of this action are in one of these categories. Construction is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2027.

Valves which operate properly and dependably are critical in the District's potable and raw water systems. Beneficiaries of this project are District customers in general, and the neighborhoods surrounding the various valve locations. Replacement of the valves avoids emergency repairs and contributes to the District's ability to maintain existing infrastructure critical to treating, storing, and conveying reliable, high-quality drinking water to its customers. The project will replace deteriorated facilities or facilities at the end of their service life and does not involve expansion of existing uses.

Site Map



VICINITY MAP





San Diego County



Transaction #: 9094566
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JORDAN Z. MARKS

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk

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Tel. (619) 237-0502 Fax (619) 557-4155

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Cashier Date: 06/23/2026

Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 06/23/2026 2:49 pm

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	\$50.00
Total Payments	\$50.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

CHECK PAYMENT #229269 \$50.00

Total Payments \$50.00

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$50.00