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LEAD AGENCY

HELIX WATER DISTRICT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

10/08/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

SAN DIEGO

DOCUMENT NUMBER

37-2026-0850

PROJECT TITLE

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE DATA RE-CABLING PROJECT (CIP27401)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

HELIX WATER DISTRICT

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

619-596-1311

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

J. Hood

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, TIFFANI HOOD, Deputy

Payment Reference #: CHECK # 229644



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
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Project Title

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE DATA RE-CABLING PROJECT (CIP27401)

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: 10/8/26

Filed by: Tiffani Hood

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 753.5.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

1. Project Title:	Administrative Office Data Re-Cabling Project (CIP27401)
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):	7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942 Please see attached <u>Exhibit A</u> Vicinity Map.
4. (a) Project Location – City: La Mesa	(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 restoration and rehabilitation of deteriorated facilities and installation of new cabling; and under Class 2 because it consists of the replacement of aging cabling with new technology; the project involves negligible or no expansion of use and will serve the same purpose as the equipment being replaced.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Joe Garuba (619) 596-1311
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:	

Tracy Powell
Signature

Date: 10/8/20

~~Debra Lundy~~ Tracy Powell
Name

Title: Senior Right of Way Agent & Environmental Analyst

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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

EXHIBIT A: PROJECT DESCRIPTION & MAP

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Administrative Office Data Re-Cabling Project (CIP27401)

The Helix Water District Administration Office is a 30,000 square foot, four-story office building constructed in 1986. The District purchased and renovated the building in the mid-1990s. It serves as the primary public facing facility for the District and houses a large portion of District staff, as well as critical information technology infrastructure. The building's existing data cabling infrastructure, which was part of the building renovation in the 1990s, has become functionally obsolete and has reached the end of its useful life.

This Project will replace the existing Administration Office network data cabling with current technology. Existing Category 5 data cabling will be replaced with both fiber optic and Cat 6E cables, as well as related network components. This re-cabling will result in the network system's ability to transmit significantly more data to keep up with the growing use of video and graphics applications.

Project construction is anticipated to begin in November 2026 with anticipated completion June 2027. This project will benefit District customers by maintaining reliability of service and avoiding costly emergency repair expenses. The Administrative Office is critical to the District's operations.

Vicinity Map – Administrative Office





San Diego County



Transaction #: 9316637
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JORDAN Z. MARKS

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk

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P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750

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Cashier Date: 10/08/2026

Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 10/08/2026 12:08 pm

Payment Summary

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

Payment

CHECK PAYMENT #229644 \$50.00

Total Payments \$50.00

Filing

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$50.00