

JULY-AUGUST 2023

Helix Highlights



Meet our 2023 WaterSmart Landscape Contest Winner

La Mesa gardener Joy Andrea is the winner of Helix's 2023 WaterSmart Landscape Contest. What a front yard -- carpeted with African daisy and blue fescue and furnished with statuettes, bottlebrush, hebe, an orchid tree and more. Andrea offers good advice for new gardeners, "Plant what you love. Experiment, and if it doesn't work out, try something else."

[See more photos at hwd.fyi/watersmart](https://hwd.fyi/watersmart)



Have confidence in your tap water

Our newly released *2022 Water Quality Report* shows that throughout 2022, we continued to deliver healthy, top-quality drinking water that outperforms federal and state standards. Read the report at:

hwd.fyi/wqr2022-english

hwd.fyi/wqr2022-espanol



Great PRIZES this year!

The 2023 InvoiceCloud Sweepstakes kicks off July 1. Win one of 10 iPad Airs, 5 AirPod Maxes and 20 \$200 Amazon gift cards. InvoiceCloud is the software company behind Helix's online payment system.

How to enter

Pay your water bill online between July 1 and August 31 and that will enter you in the sweepstakes.

How to pay your water bill online

- Go to hwd.com
- Click Login or Register
- Sign in or register for a new online account

Visit bit.ly/ICSweeps for official rules. No purchase or payment necessary.

Helix receives \$10.3 million grant

Helix is receiving a \$10.3 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources for infrastructure projects that will support the East County Advanced Water Purification project:

- **Chet Harritt Pump Station upgrade**
- **Effluent meter at treatment plant**
- **Lake Jennings aeration system installation**
- **Lake Jennings outlet tower improvements**

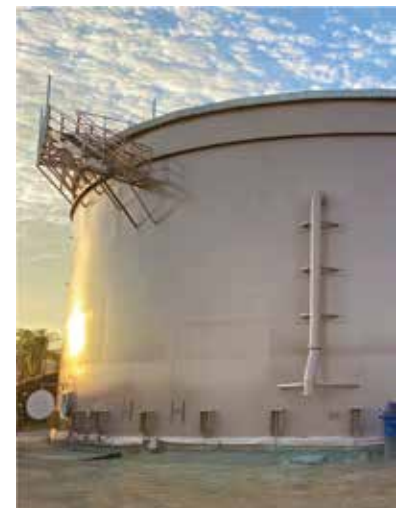
The funds come from the Urban Drought Relief Program adopted by the legislature in 2021.

[Learn more at hwd.fyi/dwgrant](https://hwd.fyi/dwgrant)

Tunnel Hill tanks wins more industry awards

The San Diego chapters of the American Public Works Association, Structural Engineers Association of California and American Society of Civil Engineers have recognized the Tunnel Hill tanks rehabilitation project with *Honor* and *Project of the Year* awards. Not replacing the tanks reduced costs over 60% and saved Helix customers \$6.3 million.

[Learn more at hwd.fyi/tunnel-hill](https://hwd.fyi/tunnel-hill)



SUMMER-FALL 2023 What's Going On



FREE water efficient fixtures

The San Diego County Water Authority is installing water-saving toilets and irrigation controllers AT NO COST in qualifying neighborhoods. Seniors on a fixed income and residents who have participated in a low-income energy efficiency program should also apply.

Go to hwd.fyi/toilets or call 1-888-272-8394 to learn more and request an appointment.



Get a \$150 rebate

Attach a smart leak detector, a.k.a. flow monitor, to your water meter and get an alert on your smartphone each time it identifies high water use or continuous water use. This can help you find a toilet or irrigation leak, or a hose left on, before it impacts your water bill.

Replace your turf

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will pay you \$2 per square foot to replace thirsty turf with water-saving plants. If you live in the county, San Diego County will give you \$4 per square foot.

Go to hwd.fyi/rebates or call 1-888-376-3314



Posters by Catalina Raquel Jones (left) and Evelyn Racine (above)

Helix board honors local student artists

Seventh grader Catalina Raquel Jones and third grader Evelyn Racine earned top honors from the Helix board for their entries (above) in Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's annual "Being Water Wise Is" poster contest.

See all of the top posters and artists at hwd.fyi/poster-contest



Sep 1-4 / Labor Day Weekend

The lake is open 6 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday and 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday and Monday.

Sep 16 & Oct 14 / Fireside by the Lake

Rent a firepit from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Oct 20-22 & 27-29 / Spooky Camp-o-ween

Go camping for Halloween! We have trick-or-treating, a campsite decorating contest with prizes and spooky crafts for the kiddos.

Oct 27-28 / Carve and Catch

Hey fisherpeople! Bring us a freshly carved Jack-O-Lantern and we'll reward your efforts with a free fishing permit.



Reserve Your Campsite!

Lakejennings.org | 619-390-1623

Questions? If you have a question about any of the topics in this newsletter, call us at 619-466-0585 and we'll answer it.