

**RESOLUTION 21-43
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HELIX WATER DISTRICT
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2-10, 2021,
AS WATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK**

WHEREAS, water is the lifeblood of California and without safe and reliable water, no community and no sector of the economy – from high tech to manufacturing to agriculture – can thrive or expand; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, the water industry is proud of the important role its essential workers play in making sure communities have safe and reliable drinking water; and

WHEREAS, thanks to technological advances by highly skilled and trained water professionals and the dedication of thousands of industry professionals in the state, California drinking water and treated wastewater meet some of the most stringent water quality standards in the nation; and

WHEREAS, depending on where one lives in California, water may come from a nearby well or river, or it may travel hundreds of miles through canals or pipelines to reach the tap. Regardless of where it originates, drinking water is filtered, cleaned, tested and distributed through processes carefully managed by trained water professionals; and

WHEREAS, California is steadily expanding the reuse of treated wastewater and pioneering the use of advanced purified recycled water to replenish aquifers, prevent seawater intrusion and improve local water supply reliability; and

WHEREAS, water professionals at local public water and wastewater agencies work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to plan for the future, maintain and upgrade systems and improve the safety and resiliency of local water supplies for communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Public Policy Institute of California, local public water and wastewater agencies invest more than \$25 billion a year on local water-related programs and projects that protect public health and the environment, improve local water supply reliability, replenish and clean up groundwater basins, provide water for fire protection and protect against floods; and

WHEREAS, thousands of essential water, wastewater and recycled water industry professionals in the state dedicate their careers to keeping drinking water, recycled water and treated wastewater safe and reliable for use by Californians.

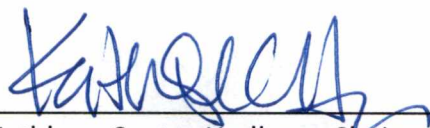
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Helix Water District Board of Directors proclaim the week of October 2-10, 2021, as Water Professionals Appreciation Week, and the board extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the water and wastewater professionals who work 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide excellent service to the community, even during a pandemic.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15th day of September 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Hedberg, McMillan, Gracyk, Verbeke

NOES: None

ABSENT: Scalzitti



Kathleen Coates Hedberg, Chair

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board

