RESOLUTION 21-33

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HELIX WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the California Urban Water Management Planning Act, (Water Code §10610, et seq. (the Act)), mandates that every urban supplier of water providing water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre feet of water annually, prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Act generally requires that said Plan be updated and adopted at least once every five years on or before July 1, in years ending in six and one; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to recent amendments to the Act, urban water suppliers are required to update and electronically submit their 2020 Plans to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Conservation Act of 2009, also referred to as SB X7-7 (Wat. Code § 10608 et seq.), an "urban retail water supplier" is defined as a water supplier that directly provides potable municipal water to more than 3,000 end users or that supplies more than 3,000 acre feet of potable water annually at retail for municipal purposes, and an "urban wholesale water supplier" is defined as a water supplier that provides more than 3,000 acre feet of water annually at wholesale for potable municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Helix Water District meets the definition of an urban retail water supplier for purposes of the Act and SB X7-7; and

WHEREAS, Helix Water District has prepared a 2020 Plan in accordance with the Act and SB X7-7, and in accordance with applicable legal requirements, has undertaken certain coordination, notice, public involvement, public comment, and other procedures in relation to its 2020 Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act and SB X7-7, Helix Water District has prepared its 2020 Plan with its own staff, with the assistance of consulting professionals, and in cooperation with other governmental agencies, and has utilized and relied upon industry standards and the expertise of industry professionals in preparing its 2020 Plan, and has also utilized DWR's Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook 2020, including its related appendices, in preparing its 2020 Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable law, including Water Code sections 10608.26 and 10642, and Government Code section 6066, a Notice of a Public Hearing regarding Helix Water District's 2020 Plan was published within the jurisdiction of Helix Water District on Friday, May 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to Water Code section 10608.26 and 10642, a public hearing was held on June 2, 2021 at 3 p.m., or soon thereafter, via Zoom video conference technology: Meeting ID: 880 7777 3477 Passcode: 711495 +16699006833 Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88077773477?pwd=UkVTS2xDQXpzazVvVDQ5VHBOOStKZz09; in order to provide members of the public and other interested entities with the opportunity to be heard in connection with proposed adoption of the 2020 Plan and issues related thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said public hearing on Helix Water District's 2020 Plan, Helix Water District, among other things, encouraged the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic members of the community within Helix Water District's service area with regard to the 2020 Plan and encouraged community input regarding Helix Water District's 2020 Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Helix Water District Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the purposes and requirements of the Act and SB X7-7, the contents of the 2020 Plan, and the documentation contained in the administrative record in support of the 2020 Plan, and has determined that the factual analyses and conclusions set forth in the 2020 Plan are legally sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Helix Water District Board of Directors desires to adopt the 2020 Plan prior to July 1, 2021 in order to comply with the Act and SB X7-7; and

WHEREAS, section 10652 of the California Water Code provides that the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) (CEQA) does not apply to the preparation and adoption of the 2020 Plan pursuant to this part.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Helix Water District Board of Directors, that the board does resolve as follows:

- 1. The Helix Water District's 2020 Plan is hereby adopted as amended by changes incorporated by the Helix Water District Board of Directors as a result of input (if any) at the public hearing and ordered filed with the Secretary of the Helix Water District.
- 2. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to include a copy of this Resolution in the Helix Water District's 2020 Plan.
- 3. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code sections 10621(d) and 10644(a)(1)-(2), to electronically submit a copy of the 2020 Plan to the DWR no later than July 1, 2021.
- 4. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code section 10644(a), to submit a copy of the 2020 Plan to the California State Library, and any city or county within which Helix Water District provides water supplies no later than thirty (30) days after this adoption date.
- 5. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in accordance with Water Code section 10645, to make the 2020 Plan available for public review at Helix Water District's offices during normal business hours or on the website, www.hwd.com, no later than thirty (30) days after filing a copy of the Plan with DWR.
- 6. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed in accordance with Water Code section 10635(c), to provide that portion of the 2020 Plan prepared pursuant to Water Code section 10635(a)-(b) to any city or county within which Helix Water District provides water supplies no later than sixty (60) days after submitting a copy of the Plan with DWR.

- 7. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to implement the 2020 Plan in accordance with the Act and SB X7-7 and to provide recommendations to the Helix Water District regarding the necessary budgets, procedures, rules, regulations, or further actions to carry out the effective and equitable implementation of the 2020 Plan.
- 8. Helix Water District Board of Directors finds and determines that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Water Code section 10652 because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of an urban water management plan or to the implementation of the actions taken pursuant to such plans. Because this resolution comprises Helix Water District Board of Directors' adoption of its Addendum to the 2020 Plan and involves its implementation, no CEQA review is required.
- 9. Pursuant to CEQA, the Helix Water District Board of Directors directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Secretary's office within five (5) working days of adoption of this resolution.
- 10. The document and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which this resolution and the above findings have been based are located at 7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA, 91942. The custodian for these records is the Helix Water District Board Secretary.

Joel A. Scalzitti, President

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

Scalzitti, Hedberg, McMillan, Gracyk, Verbeke

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ATTEST:

Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board