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(6/22/16) Public Hearing
Drinking Water Fee
Deadline: 6/22/16 by 5:00pm

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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Re: Comments Regarding SWRCB Draft Drinking Water Fee Regulations

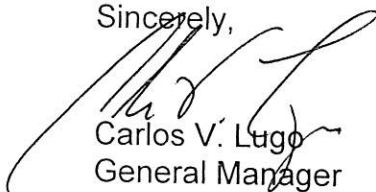
Dear Ms. Townsend:

Helix Water District is a public agency responsible for providing water service to the cities of La Mesa, El Cajon, Lemon Grove and the surrounding San Diego east county, serving approximately 56,000 customer connections. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the State Water Resources Control Board's draft drinking water fee regulations released for public comment on April 29, 2016 ("Draft Fee Regulations").

Helix Water District recognizes that the final fee regulations must ensure that the Drinking Water Program has adequate funding. However, we are concerned that the draft fee regulations do not equitably allocate Drinking Water Program costs among fee payors. We also encourage the SWRCB to take steps to ensure that the Drinking Water Program maintains its accountability to public water systems and the customers we serve. **Helix Water District supports the Association of California Water Agencies' comments and suggested amendments to the draft fee regulations, including the water community option for the fee schedule.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft fee regulations. Helix Water District encourages the SWRCB and its staff to continue to work with public water systems and their representatives on this important issue. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 619-667-6241.

Sincerely,


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General Manager

