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| <p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p> | <p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

B This return/report is: the first return/report the final return/report

an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶

D Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

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| <p>1a Name of plan <u>HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u></p> | <p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p> |
| <p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC.</u></p> <p><u>7578 EL CAJON BLVD STE 200</u> <u>LA MESA, CA 91942</u></p> | <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2004</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>33-0493636</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>619-462-1515</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</u></p> |

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/10/2025 | KRISTIN OLSZAK |
| | Signature of plan administrator | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| SIGN HERE | | | |
| | Signature of employer/plan sponsor | Date | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| SIGN HERE | | | |
| | Signature of DFE | Date | Enter name of individual signing as DFE |

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number | |
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| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | |
| | 4d PN | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 229 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) | 197 |
| | 6a(2) | 181 |
| | 6b | 2 |
| | 6c | 39 |
| | 6d | 222 |
| | 6e | 0 |
| | 6f | 222 |
| | 6g(1) | 208 |
| | 6g(2) | 218 |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 | |

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2E 2O 3H 3I 2Q 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) |
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

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| a Pension Schedules | b General Schedules |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u> |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ | (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) |
| | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules) |

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

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| A Name of plan HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 33-0493636 | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... Yes No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

TRANSITION FINANCE

154 HANSEN RD, SUITE 102
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22911

13-4238973

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 15 | NONE | 34584 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

RUSK O'BRIEN GIDO + PARTNERS, LLC

383 BOSTON POST ROAD
SUITE 201
SUDBURY, MA 01776

27-2873949

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 34 | NONE | 15000 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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| | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| Part I | Asset and Liability Statement |
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

| | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | 471623 | 452765 |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 554107 | 0 |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | | |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 17515 | 8986 |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | | |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | | |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | | |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | | |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | | |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | | |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | | |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | | |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | | |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | | |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | | |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | | |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | 70975 | 79621 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | 1c(14) | | |
| (15) Other..... | 1c(15) | 36 | 0 |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | 6611381 | 8529899 |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 7725637 | 9071271 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | 647 | 16053 |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | | |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | 0 | 0 |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 647 | 16053 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 7724990 | 9055218 |

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

| Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | 663535 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 663535 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 544 | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | 5501 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | 1154827 | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | |
| c Other income | 2c | | |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | | 1824407 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | 427928 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | | |
| (3) Other..... | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 427928 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)..... | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense..... | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | 50084 | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | 1167 | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | 15000 | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses..... | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 66251 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | | 494179 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--|---------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 1330228 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan..... | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **CAMPBELL TAYLOR WASHBURN**

(2) EIN: **68-0251243**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

| | Yes | No | Amount |
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| a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) | | X | |
| b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 1000000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | | X | |
| g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | X | | |
| j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) | | X | |
| k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | | X | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | | X | |
| n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | | | |

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
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5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

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| SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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| A Name of plan <u>HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>002</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC.</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>33-0493636</u> | |

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| Part I | Distributions |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....

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| 1 | | 0 |
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
 EIN(s): 58-1428634

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....

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| Part II | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

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| 6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) | 6a | |
| b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year | 6b | |
| c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)..... | 6c | |

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?..... Yes No N/A

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? Yes No N/A

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| Part III | Amendments |
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... Increase Decrease Both No

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| Part IV | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? Yes No

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? Yes No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) Yes No

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? Yes No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

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| a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14a | |
| b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14b | |
| c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14c | |

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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| a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year | 15a | |
| b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year | 15b | |

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

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| a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year | 16a | |
| b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers..... | 16b | |

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
 Yes.
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. Other. Provide explanation: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702379A.

*Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report of*

**HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

December 31, 2024 and 2023



Campbell Taylor Washburn
Certified Public Accountants & Consultants

**HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Trustees
Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“the Plan”), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ending December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2024, and 2023, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ending December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Company Stock Valuation

As explained in Note 2, the Plan invests in common stock of Helix Environmental Planning, Inc., the Plan Sponsor, valued at \$8,529,899 and \$6,611,381 in 2024 and 2023, respectively. The fair value of Plan Sponsor stock is determined by the Plan trustees based on an annual valuation of the common stock prepared by an independent appraiser. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation, fair values used in these financial statements may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and the differences could be material.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan’s ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan’s transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan’s provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore there is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Campbell Taylor Washburn

An Accountancy Corporation

Roseville, California
October 8, 2025

**HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2024 and 2023

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| Investments, at fair value, non-participant directed: | | |
| Mutual funds and money market fund | \$ 88,607 | \$ 88,490 |
| Company common stock | 8,529,899 | 6,611,381 |
| Total investments | 8,618,506 | 6,699,871 |
| Noninterest-bearing cash | 452,765 | 471,659 |
| Receivable: | | |
| Employer contribution receivable | - | 554,107 |
| Total assets | 9,071,271 | 7,725,637 |
| LIABILITIES: | | |
| Related party payable | 16,053 | 647 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | \$ 9,055,218 | \$ 7,724,990 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments:

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Company common stock | \$ 1,151,724 |
| Mutual funds | 3,103 |
| Interest and dividend income | <u>6,045</u> |
| Total investment income | <u>1,160,872</u> |

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Employer contributions | <u>663,535</u> |
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| Total additions | <u>1,824,407</u> |
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS:

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| Benefits paid to participants | 427,928 |
| Administrative expenses | <u>66,251</u> |

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| Total deductions | <u>494,179</u> |
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| Increase in net assets | 1,330,228 |
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| Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year | <u>7,724,990</u> |
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| Net assets available for benefits, end of year | <u><u>\$ 9,055,218</u></u> |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1: **DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the “Plan”) provides only summarized general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan originally established January 1, 2004, and amended and restated on January 1, 2015, for eligible employees of Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. (the “Company”) and the participating employer Helix Environmental Construction Group, Inc. Eligible participants include employees who are at least 21 years old and have completed at least six consecutive months of service. The Plan is administered by an administrative committee comprised of individuals appointed by the Company’s Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Trustees are the Plan’s trustee.

Plan Year

The Plan year begins January 1st and ends December 31st.

Contributions

Employee contributions to the Plan are not permitted. The Plan allows for the following types of contributions:

Employer Contributions

The Company may make discretionary contributions to the Plan in either cash or Company stock as determined by the Board of Directors. Each year, the Company must make a contribution in the amount necessary to discharge any indebtedness payable during the following plan year in connection with the financed purchase of Company stock. The Company made a cash contribution of \$31,741 and a stock contribution of \$22,584 for the Plan year ending December 31, 2024.

Safe Harbor 401(k) Contributions

The Company may declare safe harbor contributions in accordance with certain rules of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are made to the Plan on behalf of each eligible employee participating in the Company’s 401(k) plan. The safe harbor contribution is equal to 3% of an employee’s eligible compensation for the Plan year. The Company made safe harbor contributions of \$609,210 for the Plan year ending December 31, 2024. The contribution was made in shares.

Participant Accounts and Allocations

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant’s account is credited with an allocation of Company contributions, Plan earnings and losses (net of administrative expenses), and forfeitures, as defined by the Plan. Company contributions and forfeitures are allocated to participant accounts based on the ratio of a participant's compensation to total Plan eligible compensation, subject to IRS limitations. The Plan’s earnings and losses are allocated to each participant’s account based on the ratio of the participant’s beginning of the year account balance to all participants’ beginning of the year account balances. Investments are non-participant directed.

Retirement

Normal retirement under the Plan is age 65.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses may be paid by either the Plan or the Company at the discretion of the trustees.

NOTE 1: **DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Vesting

Participants become vested in their accounts in accordance with the following schedule:

| <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Nonforfeitable vested interest</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Less than 2 years | 0% |
| 2 years | 20% |
| 3 years | 40% |
| 4 years | 60% |
| 5 years | 80% |
| 6 years | 100% |

Participants' interest in their respective accounts become 100% vested upon (a) reaching normal retirement age, (b) death while employed, or (c) disability while employed. Safe harbor contributions are immediately 100% vested.

Forfeitures

Any portion of the balance in a participant's account which is not vested will become forfeited when the participant's employment has terminated. Forfeitures are used first to pay Plan expenses with any remaining amounts used to reduce employer contributions to the Plan. Any remaining cash or shares are allocated to remaining participants. Forfeitures of \$3,225 were allocated to participants during the Plan year ending December 31, 2024. There were no unallocated forfeitures as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Payment of Benefits

Distributions from a participant's account may be made upon termination, retirement, demonstration of financial hardship, in-service upon reaching age 59 ½, disability, or death (in which case payment shall be made to his or her beneficiary or, secondarily to his or her legal representative(s)). Terminated employees with vested balances of less than \$5,000 will receive a lump sum payment equal to their account value. Participants or their beneficiaries with vested balances of more than \$5,000 but less than \$50,000 will receive payments in three annual installments, commencing no later than one year subsequent to the year of the termination. Participants or beneficiaries with vested balances of more than \$50,000 shall have their account balances distributed in five annual installments, commencing no later than one year subsequent to the year of termination.

Upon termination, participants are notified of their eligibility to receive a distribution. If a notified participant elects not to take a distribution, and the participants vested account balance is \$5,000 or less, the Plan Trustees may make a distribution on the participant's behalf. These distributions, made on behalf of the participant, are directly rolled into an individual retirement account in the participant's name. All participants with accrued benefits in excess of \$5,000 who do not elect to take a distribution within 90 days of receipt of their benefit election forms shall have their accounts segregated and liquidated from Company stock. The proceeds from the liquidation will be invested by the trustee until the participant elects to or is required to take a distribution.

Diversification Rights

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company stock into other investments. Participants who are at least age 55, with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan, may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage increases to 50%.

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Voting Rights

The administrative committee directs the trustees as to the manner in which voting rights of qualified employer securities are to be exercised, except that each participant and beneficiary shall be entitled to direct the trustees as to the exercise of voting rights on qualified employer securities allocated to the participant's employer stock account with respect to a corporate action which involves the voting of such shares with respect to the approval or disapproval of any corporate merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, sale of substantially all assets of a trade or business or a similar transaction specified in regulations under IRC Section 409(e)(3). In that event, any allocated qualified employer securities with respect to which voting directions are not given, as well as shares of qualified employer securities held by the Plan which are not then allocated to participants' employer stock accounts, shall be voted on behalf of the collective best interests of Plan participants and beneficiaries.

Stock Purchase Requirement

Under federal income tax regulations, the Company stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The purpose of the requirement is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash. Pursuant to the Code, the Plan document provides that the Company repurchase any shares of its stock distributed to participants for cash. The purchase price is representative of the fair market value of the stock.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value and are not participant directed. The fair value of Company stock is determined by the Plan trustees based on an annual valuation of the common stock prepared by an independent appraiser. The appraised value per share was \$341.51 and \$291.71 for a total appraised value of \$8,529,899 and \$6,611,381, as of December 31, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation, estimated and appraised values of the investment in employer stock may differ significantly from values that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed, and such differences may be material. Net appreciation in fair value of investments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits represents the change in value from one period to the next. Interest income is recorded when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Capital gain distributions are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Income Taxes

The plan administrator received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated October 27, 2017. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter; however, the plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code; therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Plan management has determined that as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by the taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Plan maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which may exceed federally insured limits during the year. The Plan has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3: ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. common stock, are held in trust by the trustees of the Plan. Plan Sponsor contributions are held and managed by the trustees, which invest cash received, interest, and dividend income and make distributions to participants. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company and a third-party administrator. No such officer or employees receive compensation from the Plan.

NOTE 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) ASC 820 provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a three-tier hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used for measuring fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

NOTE 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024.

Mutual funds and money market fund: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Investment in Company common stock: An annual valuation of the Company common stock is prepared by an independent appraiser. The Trustees of the Plan approve the fair value based on the annual valuation. Valuation utilizes multiple valuation methodologies including the public company method whose significant inputs include revenue growth rate, EBITDA, return on equity and various other publicly available ratios. The market transaction method utilizes the consideration paid for mergers and acquisitions of public and private companies. Finally, the discounted cash flow method utilizes historical and forecasted financial information of the Company as well as a weighted average cost of capital and risk-free rate.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024, and 2023.

| | Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Company common stock | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,529,899 | \$ 8,529,899 |
| Mutual funds and money market fund | 88,607 | - | - | 88,607 |
| Total assets at fair value | <u>\$ 88,607</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 8,529,899</u> | <u>\$ 8,618,506</u> |

| | Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Company common stock | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,611,381 | \$ 6,611,381 |
| Mutual funds and money market fund | 88,490 | - | - | 88,490 |
| Total assets at fair value | <u>\$ 88,490</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 6,611,381</u> | <u>\$ 6,699,871</u> |

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) during the year ended December 31, 2024:

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| | Company Common Stock |
| Balance, January 1, 2024 | \$ 6,611,381 |
| ESOP purchases, 462.79 shares | 135,000 |
| Plan Sponsor contribution, 1,850 shares | 631,794 |
| Unrealized gains | <u>1,151,724</u> |
| Balance, December 31, 2024 | <u>\$ 8,529,899</u> |

NOTE 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) during the year ended December 31, 2023:

| | Common Stock |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance, January 1, 2023 | \$ 6,434,789 |
| ESOP purchases, 469.31 shares | 125,000 |
| Plan Sponsor repurchases, 1,964.22 shares | (523,172) |
| Unrealized gains | 574,764 |
| Balance, December 31, 2023 | <u>\$ 6,611,381</u> |

NOTE 5: RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in the common stock of the Company. Fees for certain administrative expenses are paid to service providers. These investments and transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

The related party payable at December 31, 2024, represents a deposit made in error to the ESOP trust that was refunded to the Plan Sponsor subsequent to year end.

NOTE 6: RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in equity securities including mutual funds and Company common stock. Equity securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with the securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the investment will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 7: PLAN TERMINATION

The Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

NOTE 8: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Plan management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 8, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and management has determined that no subsequent events have occurred that should be disclosed.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR
December 31, 2024

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|-----|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| — | Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party | Description of Investment | Cost | Current Value |
| | UBS Money Market Fund | Money market | \$ 8,986 | \$ 8,986 |
| * | Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. | Common stock, 24,977 shares | 2,871,192 | 8,529,899 |
| | Virtus Small CAP Fund | Mutual funds | 159 | 174 |
| | NYLI Income Builder Fund | Mutual funds | 11,543 | 11,837 |
| | Fund Class I | Mutual funds | 11,773 | 11,204 |
| | First Eagle Global Funds Class I | Mutual funds | 17,476 | 17,961 |
| | Janus Henderson Balanced Fund Class I Shares | Mutual funds | 17,127 | 17,981 |
| | Blackrock Global Allocation Fund Inst | Mutual funds | 22,064 | 20,464 |
| | Total Investments | | <u>2,960,320</u> | <u>8,618,506</u> |
| | Cash Reliance Trust Company | Noninterest-bearing cash | 16,088 | 16,088 |
| | Citizens Business Bank | Noninterest-bearing cash | 436,677 | 436,677 |
| | Total assets held at end of year | | <u>\$ 3,413,085</u> | <u>\$ 9,071,271</u> |

* *Party in interest*



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