



# COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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**To:** Mailing List  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
**Project Title:** Clearwater Program Master Facilities Plan  
**Project Location:** Los Angeles County

**Project Description:** The project consists of the preparation of Clearwater Program Master Facilities Plan (MFP) for the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's (Sanitation Districts) Joint Outfall System (JOS). The JOS encompasses 73 of the 78 cities in the Sanitation Districts' service area, as well as some unincorporated county areas. The MFP will assess the wastewater conveyance, wastewater treatment, solids processing, biosolids management, and effluent management needs of the JOS through the year 2050, and recommend specific improvements to meet those needs. A major component of the MFP will be the possible construction of a new tunnel and ocean outfall to convey treated wastewater from the Sanitation Districts' Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) in Carson to the Pacific Ocean, where it would be discharged 2-7 miles offshore at a depth of approximately 190 feet.

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA, the Sanitation Districts will be the state lead agency and, due to the scope of the project, will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The project description, location, and the potential environmental impacts are contained in the attached materials. The EIR will be prepared jointly with an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for project alternatives that would require any federal approval(s). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will be the federal lead agency for the project and has concurrently issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the preparation of the EIS. It is anticipated that the draft MFP and the draft EIR/EIS will be completed by the end of 2009.

If you are a responsible agency or a trustee agency, the Sanitation Districts are soliciting written comments as to the scope and content of the environmental information, including alternatives, impacts, and mitigation measures, that may be relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the Sanitation Districts when considering any permits or other approvals for the project. Please provide the name and telephone number of a contact person in your agency with your comments.

If you are an interested party or property owner, you may submit written comments concerning any effects the project may have on your community or your property. Please share this notice with anyone else you feel may be interested in the project. The NOP is also available at [www.ClearwaterProgram.org](http://www.ClearwaterProgram.org). In addition, the Sanitation Districts and the Corps will receive comments as to the scope of analysis and content of the proposed EIR/EIS at a joint public and agency scoping meeting conducted for both the NOP and NOI. This joint scoping meeting will be held on:

- Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel, 601 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California.

The Sanitation Districts will also be conducting one additional agency scoping meeting for the NOP on:

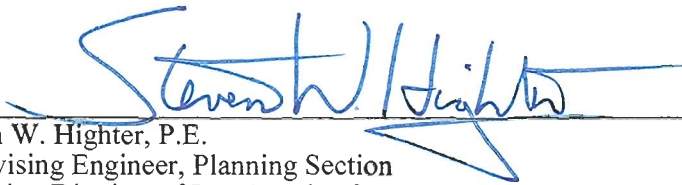
- Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., at the Sanitation Districts' Joint Administrative Office, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California;

as well as three additional public scoping meetings for the NOP on:

- Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Carson Community Center, 801 East Carson Street, Carson, California;
- Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sanitation Districts' Joint Administrative Office, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California; and
- Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington, California.

Based on the time limits established by CEQA, comments on the NOP must be received no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. Please submit your written comments to the undersigned at the earliest possible date, but no later than November 14, 2008. If you have any questions regarding the NOP or the scoping meetings, you may call the Clearwater Program information line at (877) 300-WATER.

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