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Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County releases Draft Master Facilities Plan and Environmental Impact Report for the Clearwater Program

Whittier – Today, the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) released the draft Master Facilities Plan (MFP) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Clearwater Program. The Clearwater Program is a master planning effort to evaluate the infrastructure needs of the Districts' Joint Outfall System (JOS) through the year 2050 and makes recommendations on how to ensure the continuation of the JOS as a reliable and cost-effective wastewater management system that is protective of public health and the environment.

“In addition to preliminary engineering, extensive public input from more than 500 community meetings was an integral part of the development of the draft MFP,” said Grace Robinson Chan, Sanitation Districts' Chief Engineer and General Manager.

The recommended project in the Clearwater Program MFP includes the construction of a new 18-foot diameter, 7-mile long tunnel to convey treated wastewater from the Sanitation Districts' Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in Carson to the Pacific Ocean off White Point. The new tunnel, which would tie into the existing ocean outfalls at Royal Palms Beach, would allow for inspection and any necessary repairs to the existing tunnels that have not been inspected for over 50 years.

The Sanitation Districts will hold three public hearings for the draft EIR/EIS in early March 2012. The first public hearing will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanitation Districts' Joint Administration Office at 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier. The second public hearing will be on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carson Community Center at 801 East Carson Street, Carson. The third public hearing will be on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel at 601 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for all three public hearings. The extended public review period will end on April 10, 2012.

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The draft MFP and EIR/EIS are available for review online at www.ClearwaterProgram.org. In addition, hard copies of the draft documents are available for review at the following locations: (1) Sanitation Districts' Joint Administration Office, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier; (2) Carson Regional Library, 151 East Carson Street, Carson; (3) Los Angeles Public Library, San Pedro Branch, 921 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro; and (4) Los Angeles Public Library, Wilmington Branch, 1300 North Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington.

The Sanitation Districts provide environmentally sound, cost effective wastewater and solid waste management, and in the process convert waste into resources such as reclaimed water, energy, and recycled materials. The Sanitation Districts' JOS includes 17 districts covering 73 cities and unincorporated Los Angeles County areas, and serves approximately 5 million people.

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