



# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**

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**Corps Case No.:** SPL-2008-00876-AOA

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Division (Corps) has executed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Federal action associated with the following project near San Pedro, Los Angeles County, California:

## **Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Clearwater Program**

The Clearwater Program is a comprehensive planning effort undertaken by the Sanitation Districts to develop a long-range Master Facilities Plan for the Joint Outfall System, a regional wastewater management system serving approximately 4.8 million people in 73 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. A major component of the Clearwater Program is the evaluation of alternatives for new ocean outfalls and rehabilitation of the existing ocean outfalls. Both activities require the issuance of a Department of the Army Permit.

The Corps identified Alternative 4, as described in the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) and final Clean Water Act 404(b)(1) analysis, as the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative (LEDPA) pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This alternative entails rehabilitation of the existing ocean outfalls without the construction of new ocean outfalls, permanently impacting 3.7 acres of waters of United States associated with the discharge of ballast rock on top of existing ocean outfalls.

The decision was based on matters discussed in the FEIS, 404(b)(1) analysis, input from the public and resource agencies, and other relevant factors. The FEIS was made available to the public on November 9, 2012 with a comment period that ended on December 10, 2012. The ROD documents only the decision of the Corps with respect to the proposed Federal action analyzed in the FEIS.

With this Special Public Notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Division (Corps) announces the availability of a Record of Decision (ROD) to issue a Department of the Army permit to the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 404 and Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 for Alternative 4 associated with the Clearwater Program. The District Commander approved the ROD on July 31, 2013 and issued a provisional permit.

Document Requests/Additional Information:

Requests for a copy of the above document should be directed to:

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*Regulatory Program Goals:*

- To provide strong protection of the nation's aquatic environment, including wetlands.
- To ensure the Corps provides the regulated public with fair and reasonable decisions.
- To enhance the efficiency of the Corps' administration of its regulatory program.

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