The Clearwater Project will use a tunnel boring machine to construct a new 7-mile long, 18-foot diameter tunnel to convey clean water from the Sanitation Districts’ largest wastewater treatment plant (Joint Water Pollution Control Plant) to existing ocean outfalls at Royal Palms Beach. The project will ensure the reliability and future capacity needs of the main sewer system serving over 5 million people in Los Angeles County.

The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County developed a comprehensive outreach and community engagement program, which was integrated into the project from the outset. Since 2006, the Sanitation Districts have held over 550 community meetings and used social media, a dedicated website, a 24-hour hotline, brochures, video, and newsletters to engage the public about the project. These efforts helped shape the project and garner community support.