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City Reviews Failed Water Main

City of Sacramento Utilities continues its investigation into the failed water main in Del Paso Blvd.

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities is continuing its investigation into the failed water main in Del Paso Boulevard. So far, the investigation has yielded that the portion of the pipe that failed was not the original cast iron pipe, believed to be 68 years old. The failed portion of the pipe was made of C900, a type of PVC and about 30 years old.

"It is important to note," said Marty Hanneman, Director of Utilities, "that the City of Sacramento has hundreds of miles of pipes, of various materials, that are at, near, or past the end of their useful life. Infrastructure improvement must continue to be at the forefront of our work to avoid catastrophic failures of our infrastructure."

The Department of Utilities is continuing its investigation into what other factors, such as soil, pressure, materials, and installation might have played a role in this pipeline failure.

The 12-inch water main in Del Paso Boulevard failed on June 28. Crews were dispatched to the scene at approximately 5:50 p.m. and worked to shut off the water and clear the water from the street. Approximately half-dozen businesses sustained water damage as a result of this main failure and five businesses were without water. Del Paso Boulevard lanes southbound were closed throughout the night and one lane re-opened at 6:00 a.m. for the morning commute. Water service was restored to customers at approximately 10:30 a.m. and the street repairs are completed by noon on July 29, 2011.

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