



Underground Vault Bus Tour Recap

Overview

On Saturday, April 28 the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities held an underground vault bus tour of two existing underground wastewater vaults. During the McKinley Water Vault public meeting last year, East Sacramento neighbors asked to have a tour of other existing underground wastewater vaults in the City of Sacramento. Utilities brought this request to life through an interactive, guided bus tour of two of the city's three existing underground wastewater vaults. Attendees were joined by Sacramento City Councilmember Jeff Harris and City of Sacramento Department of Utilities staff. Check out the tour agenda.

Attendees heard about the construction, operation and benefits of the 42nd and R Street Vault and Oak Park's 8th Avenue and San Carlos Way Vault. Attendees walked the vault premises and were encouraged to take pictures and ask questions about all above-ground and below-ground infrastructure at each location.

Attendees also heard about the proposed McKinley Water Vault project. Like the existing wastewater vaults on the tour, the McKinley Water Vault's underground infrastructure will reduce outflows and street flooding in the combined sewer system. During large storms, wastewater vaults relieve the combined sewer system when it's at capacity. When storms subside, wastewater vaults slowly feed wastewater back into the combined sewer system at a sustainable rate.

We encourage you to read the all about vaults one-sheet to learn more about the existing wastewater vaults in the City of Sacramento.