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# East Valley Open House

**Sanitation's East Valley Yard has open house.**

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor  
Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The East Valley Sanitation Yard in Sun Valley held an open house April 13. The event featured recycling, refuse and green waste demonstrations; tours; gifts; food; refreshments; games and prizes.

"We want to show our appreciation to our customers for their cooperation in working with us to ensure efficient and safe collection of their refuse, green waste and recyclables," said Sal Miranda, Solid Resource Manager I, who coordinates the open house program, "and to show them what happens to the contents of their containers once we take them away. Our key message is to encourage recycling, and we want to make the open house an educational and fun experience both for adults and children."



Ted Arakelian, Civil Engineer Associate, 6 years.



The Recycle Robot – worn by City Employee Melvin Clover.

Attendees also learned how the Bureau manages to clean and maintain the City's sewer and storm water systems. Staff was available to discuss current and future sewer and storm water projects that will help protect the ocean and beaches in Los Angeles.

The Club says thanks for inviting us!



From left: Mike Vega, Maintenance Laborer, 25 years; and Lester Quintana, Truck Operator, 7 months.



Ron Cole, Refuse Crew Field Instructor, 17 years.



From left: Helinda Rodarte, Chief Clerk, Call Center, 13 years; and Mayra Araiza Clerk Typist, 7 months.



From left: Veronica Camacho, Clerk Typist, 7 years; Ron Lee, Supervisor, 19 years; and Adriana Nunez, Clerk Typist, 7 years.



Armando Gatewood, Waste Water Collection, 19 years.