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Murrieta High School Students Kick Off Month-Long Earth Day Celebration at Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill

Environmental Students from Vista Murrieta High School tour local landfill to learn about green technology and habitat conservation

RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIF-APRIL 27, 2016 - This month, about 30 students from Vista Murrieta High School toured the Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill to learn about what it takes to properly and safely manage Murrieta's waste after curbside pickup.

Since 1994, Waste Management has been the waste and recycling service provider for the city of Murrieta. The company offers waste collection, curbside recycling, and bulky item pickup to city residents and hauls the municipal solid waste to the Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill.

During the Earth Day event, landfill professionals led the high school students through several learning stations that offered an exclusive look at the facility's daily operations and green business practices. The students visited the landfill's gas-to-energy facility and were treated to a live demo of trained falcons humanely keeping gulls away from the trash. The Waste Management team also provided overviews on the site's environmental protection measures such as gas collection, groundwater monitoring, and the dual liner system that isolates the waste from the environment.

In addition to touring the landfill, a facility biologist led the students on a nature hike into the El Sobrante Wildlife Preserve where they learned about the area's sensitive species and their natural habitats. The landfill's 688-acre wildlife preserve is managed and preserved by Waste Management and serves as an interior piece of the Lake-Mathew's Estelle Mountain Reserve.

Approximately 650 people are expected to tour El Sobrante Landfill in the month of April in honor of Earth Day.

ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL AND WILDLIFE PRESERVE

Waste Management's El Sobrante Landfill is located in the unincorporated area of Riverside County. The landfill serves more than one million Inland Empire residents and is a critical component of Riverside County and the greater Los Angeles region's infrastructure. The site has more than 650 acres in permanent preservation and is a critical component of preserving open space in Riverside County. For more information on the landfill, please go to www.keepinginlandempireclean.com.

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