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## Norco Elementary Students Celebrate Earth Day with the Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill

*Over 90 students from Highland Elementary School learn about green technology and habitat conservation from their local landfill*

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIF- APRIL 28, 2016** - This month, about 90 fifth graders from Highland Elementary School toured the Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill to learn about what it takes to properly and safely manage Norco's waste.

Waste Management is the waste and recycling service provider for the city of Norco. 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 students through several learning stations that offered an exclusive look at the facility's daily operations and green business practices. The children received overviews on the site's environmental protection measures and were treated to a live demo of trained falcons humanely keeping gulls away from the trash. They also observed filled phases of the landfill that are restored by Waste Management to eventually serve as habitat for the local wildlife.

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 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.

Since 2000, the El Sobrante Landfill has provided an outdoor education program that gives students, scouts and the community at large hands-on experiences with waste, recycling and environmental stewardship. This year, approximately 650 people toured the El Sobrante Landfill in the month of April, alone, 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](http://www.keepinginlandempireclean.com).

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