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El Sobrante Landfill Concludes Month-Long Earth Day Celebration with the Participation of over 650 Students

Schools and communities learn about the path of trash in honor of Earth Day

RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIF- MAY 5, 2016 - The El Sobrante Landfill just concluded its annual Earth Day celebration with a record breaking 650 people participating in a month-long learning program.

Participants ranged from children to seniors and included two local universities, Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine, and nearby schools such as Vista Murrieta High School and Highland Elementary School.

Throughout the month of April, landfill staff led the eager learners on guided tours that focused on waste reduction, environmental protection, clean technology and habitat restoration.

The students also joined the facility biologist on nature hikes into the 688-acre El Sobrante Wildlife Preserve where they observed sensitive habitats and species such as a red diamond rattle snake named "Big Red."

The Earth Day celebration culminated with a two-day conservation project to increase monarch butterfly habitat in the El Sobrante Wildlife Preserve. Led by Waste Management staff and Boy Scout Sean Peterson, Riverside County residents and Temescal Valley Troop 899 planted native milkweeds and seeds along Olsen Creek to support the monarch butterflies' thousand-mile migration to California and Mexico.

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.

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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