

Norco Students and Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill Come Together to Celebrate Earth Day

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El Sobrante Landfill works with Norco schools to teach the path of waste during Earth Month learning program

Norco, Calif.—April 29, 2014—El Sobrante Landfill staff just concluded their Earth Day educational program and announced that students from both Norco College and Norco High School visited the landfill and its wildlife preserve in honor of the 44th Anniversary of Earth Day.

Waste Management is the service provider for the City of Norco and hauls residents' municipal solid waste to the El Sobrante Landfill, one of the company's leading, state of the art facilities located in unincorporated Riverside County.

During the Earth Day learning program, Waste Management led the students from Norco College's Ecology class and Norco High School's AP Environmental Science class through several learning stations that offered an exclusive look at the facility's daily operations, renewable energy production and habitat conservation measures.

In one landfill station, Waste Management discussed the steps to convert gas, naturally produced by the refuse, into a renewable energy source. Since 2003, the El Sobrante Landfill has been powering 6,000 homes through three onsite internal combustion engines.

"Waste Management is a leading developer, operator and owner of landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States," said Miriam Cardenas, El Sobrante Landfill's community relations representative.

Additionally, Waste Management staff offered an overview of the site's environmental protection measures such as the landfill's gas collection program, groundwater testing procedures and seagull abatement program. The Norco students also had the unique opportunity of seeing Waste Management construct its next disposal phase, which takes place every two to three years.

In addition to touring El Sobrante, the landfill restoration biologist gave the visitors a guided wildlife preserve hike. "The students learned about the many ways Waste Management is working to conserve and protect habitats and wildlife," said Cardenas. Around the landfill, Waste Management manages a 688-wildlife preserve for the protection of 31 sensitive plant and animal species. Waste Management also restores closed landfill phases back to nature, as it progresses, to serve as habitat for depleting species such as the California Gnatcatcher.

"The Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill not only utilizes the latest technological advances to extract value from Norco's waste but also provides protected habitat for local wildlife," said Cardenas. "We are proud to share our environmental solutions with Norco's youth and we encourage more residents to visit our site throughout the year."

As a certified Corporate Lands for Learning site with the Wildlife Habitat Council, the El Sobrante Landfill offers its customers a variety of learning opportunities centered on environmental protection.



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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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