

# Temescal Valley Students Applauded for Inspiring Recycling Messages

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*Students earn their schools \$1,800 in donations for winning recycling themed art contest*

TEMESCAL VALLEY, Calif. - December 16, 2015 - Riverside County First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Assemblywomen Melissa Melendez and the office of Senator Jeff Stone recently joined the Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill to congratulate 12 winners of a local America Recycles Day Calendar Art Contest.

Sponsored by a Keep America Beautiful and Waste Management Think Green Grant®, the contest challenged Temescal Valley children to illustrate the theme “Give your trash another life, recycle often and recycle right!” and depict the positive impacts communities could have by recycling correctly. Since 2008, the El Sobrante Landfill has applied for and received a total of \$38,000 in annual Think Green Grants® and has utilized the funds to organize cleanup events and environmental learning programs with the support of local volunteers and the Temescal Heritage Foundation.

During the awards ceremony, which took place at a Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council Meeting, Supervisor Jeffries, Assemblywomen Melendez and the office of Senator Stone presented personalized certificates to the winners and congratulated them for their “green” artwork. Landfill staff also gave the students gift bags filled with art supplies and awarded El Cerrito Middle School and Todd Elementary School a combined total of \$1,800 for placing in the top three.

#### America Recycles Day Calendar Art Contest Winners:

1st place and winner of an \$800 school donation: Kayla Baniaga, El Cerrito Middle School  
2nd place and winner of a \$600 school donation: Molly Saruwatari, Todd Elementary School  
3rd place and winner of a \$400 school donation: Haidyn Acheé, Todd Elementary School

Madison Talley, Todd Elementary School  
Samantha Arce, Temescal Valley Elementary School  
Katie Baniaga, El Cerrito Middle School  
India Eastridge, El Cerrito Middle School  
Caiden Gempel, Todd Elementary School  
Allie Nemeth, Temescal Valley Elementary School  
Tiffany Bachor, El Cerrito Middle School  
Jack R. Talley, Todd Elementary School  
Briana Gonzales, Todd Elementary School

The children’s interpretation of theme and ability to inspire recycling earned them a top spot in the 2016 calendar. Community judges also selected the winners based on originality, creativity and their handwritten calls to action.

To view the winning illustrations, please visit Waste Management’s website at <https://www.wm.com/location/california/inland-empire/corona/winners.jsp>.

#### ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL

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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