

Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill Concludes Earth Day Activities with over 500 Visitors

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

April 29, 2014, Temescal Valley, CA - El Sobrante Landfill staff just concluded their Earth Day educational program and announced that over 500 students and adults from Riverside County visited the landfill and its wildlife preserve in honor of the 44th Anniversary of Earth Day.

Earth month visitors included the following schools and communities:

- Norco Community College
- Jackson Elementary School, Riverside
- Todd Elementary School, Temescal Valley
- John Adams Elementary School, Corona
- Luiseno Elementary School, Temescal Valley
- Trilogy Community, Temescal Valley
- Norco High School

During the Earth Day learning program, Waste Management led participants 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. Participants 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 visitors a guided wildlife preserve hike. "The children and adults 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 El Sobrante Landfill was pleased to offer the community an Earth Month learning program that focused on environmental protection, renewable energy and habitat conservation," said Cardenas. "We encourage the community to keep up the environmental learning and tour the El Sobrante Landfill anytime year-round."

As a certified Corporate Lands for Learning site with the Wildlife Habitat Council, the El Sobrante Landfill offers a variety of learning opportunities throughout the year 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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