

# Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill Import Fee Advances University of California, Riverside Environmental Research

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*Riverside County and El Sobrante Landfill contribute annual financial endowment to the University*

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY, Calif. — July 15, 2014 —** This month, the University of California, Riverside (UCR) received a \$240,428 check from an import fee public/private agreement between the County of Riverside and Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill.

The public/private agreement, established in 1998, awards UCR with a percentage of revenue generated from out-of-county waste deposited at the landfill located in unincorporated Riverside County. University staff and students utilize the funds to carry out research projects that address Riverside County's short- and long-term environmental needs, including conservation and waste reduction.

The Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill serves more than one million Inland Empire residents as well as communities in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties. Each out-of-county waste ton accepted by the facility is assigned an import fee that makes up the monetary contribution to UCR. Since 2001, UCR has received more than \$3.1 million from the El Sobrante Landfill.

As in years past, UCR's Center for Conservation Biology (CCB) and Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT) accepted the contribution. The CCB will continue to concentrate the funds on research activities to address Riverside County's conservation challenges while the CE-CERT will focus on waste diversion and using waste as a feedstock for the production of sustainable transportation fuels.

In addition to the university, other revenue from out-of-county waste deposited at El Sobrante Landfill contributes to the Riverside County general budget. Each year, the landfill's waste import fee equates to approximately \$5 million benefitting Riverside County's public services and habitat conservation program.

## 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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