

WHC CONSERVATION CERTIFICATION®

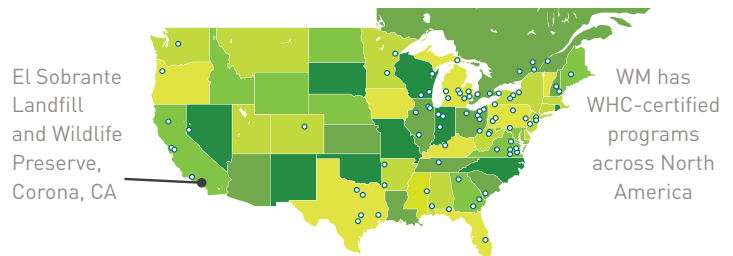
EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL AND WILDLIFE PRESERVE



For more than 20 years, Waste Management (WM) has partnered with Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) to promote sustainability, wildlife preservation, biodiversity and environmental education at the company's WHC-certified sites. At El Sobrante Landfill and Wildlife Preserve in Corona, California, employees actively manage over 1,000 acres for conservation projects focused on grasslands, wetlands, mammals, species of concern and education. **The conservation program at El Sobrante Landfill and Wildlife Preserve has been WHC-certified since 2003.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- A riparian restoration habitat is managed with the ultimate goal of replacing invasive weed species with native riparian species.
- Artificial burrows were installed to provide sheltering and nesting opportunities for the burrowing owl.
- The California gnatcatcher is supported through habitat in the coastal sage scrub for nesting, foraging and shelter.
- Stephens' kangaroo rat, a species of concern in California, is protected on 183 acres of maintained habitat. This land is actively improved through targeted weeding and debris removal. Monitoring of the species includes surveys of active burrows, scat, and trails.
- Local Scout troops are hosted yearly and provided with educational opportunities to learn about endangered species and conservation.
- In 2019, El Sobrante hosted a Summer Day Camp for local children with the goal of providing the community with outdoor, hands-on learning opportunities.



CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AVIAN**
Burrowing Owl, California Gnatcatcher
-  **AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT**
Scout Projects, Summer Day Camp, Tours
-  **GRASSLAND**
Grassland Habitat, Many-Stemmed Dudleya
-  **MAMMALS**
Stephens' Kangaroo Rat
-  **OTHER HABITATS**
Riversidian Sage Scrub
-  **SPECIES OF CONCERN**
Stephens' Kangaroo Rat
-  **WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES**
Riparian Habitat

RESOURCES

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