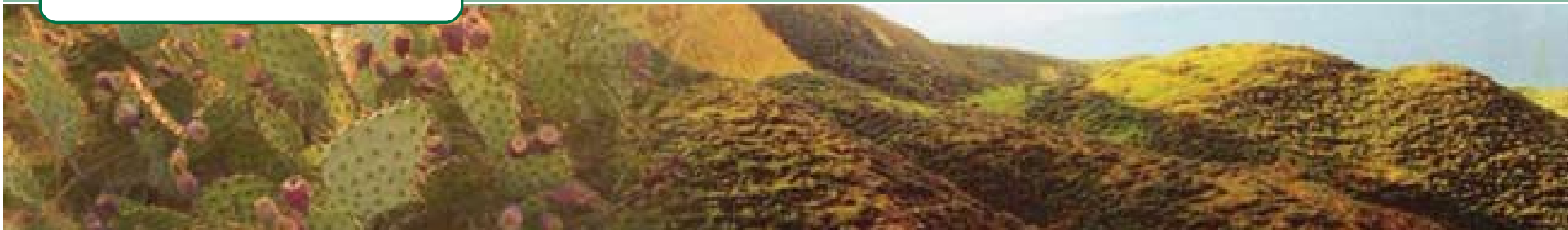




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Letter from Damon De Frates District Manager, El Sobrante Landfill

Dear Friends,

We enjoyed talking with many of you recently at the Temescal Valley Community Faire. We hope that you took home one of our reusable grocery bags and that you will use that as an alternative to disposable plastic bags. The great demand for energy last month as a result of the hot weather underscored the importance of producing renewable energy for the local community. This is why we are proud to announce that we recently invested close to \$500,000 to add 21 new wells to our landfill gas collection system.

I am also happy to mention two notable achievements on a company-wide level. First, Waste Management was named to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, a prestigious selection of companies judged on their global leadership in sustainability and economic performance. Secondly, WM was also recognized by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. And finally in this newsletter, we want to pass on some important information from the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

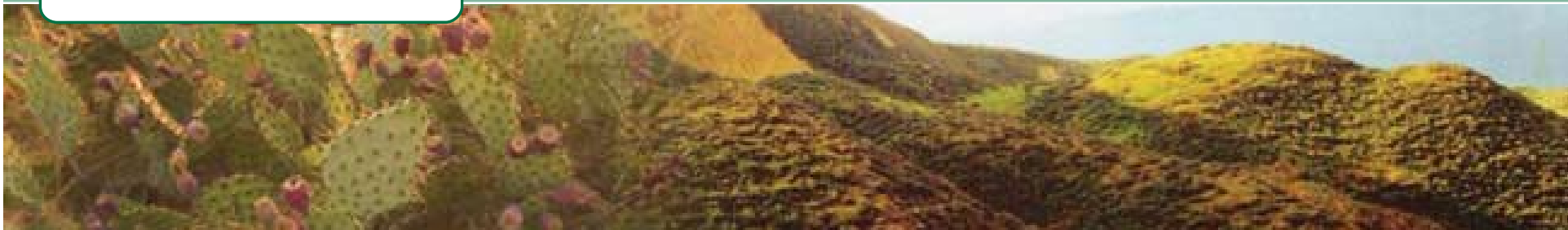
As always, if you'd like to learn more about what we're doing at El Sobrante, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'd be happy to take you on a tour.

Best,

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WM on Display at Temescal Valley Community Faire

This year's 8th Annual Temescal Valley Community Faire was filled with music, food and the opportunity to learn about Temescal Valley's history. For us, it was an opportunity to show off all the great projects that are taking place at the El Sobrante Landfill, such as our gas-to-energy station that generates 3.84 megawatts of electricity – enough to power 6,000 homes. Also on display was a Volvo A35D haul truck – both kids and adults enjoyed climbing the 50,000-pound monster machine that hauls dirt around the landfill.

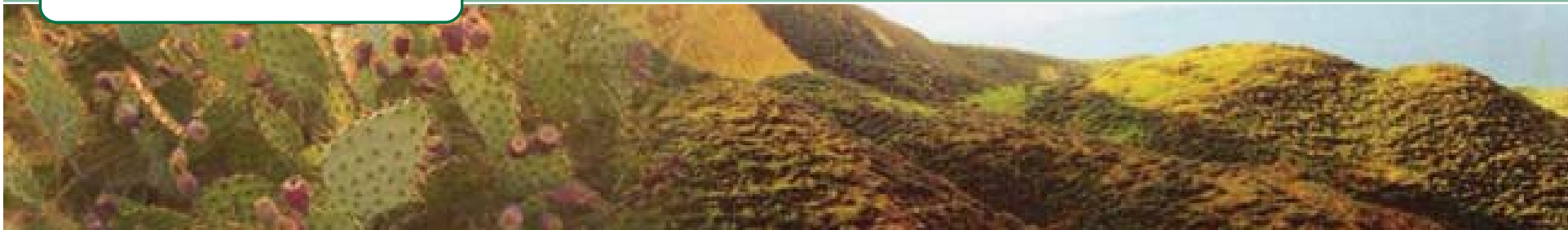
We also invited our falconer, who helps control the bird population at the landfill for part of the year. He exhibited two highly trained falcons that star in Hollywood movies in their spare time. Visitors picked up native seed packets that were collected from our 600-acre wild life preserve, as well as our reusable WM grocery bags.

If you missed the faire this year, definitely look out for it next fall and don't forget to stop by our booth to say hello.





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New Collection System

El Sobrante Landfill recently invested nearly \$500,000 to expand its landfill gas collection system. Twenty-one gas collection wells were added to an already existing system of 160 gas collection wells that are located throughout the landfill.

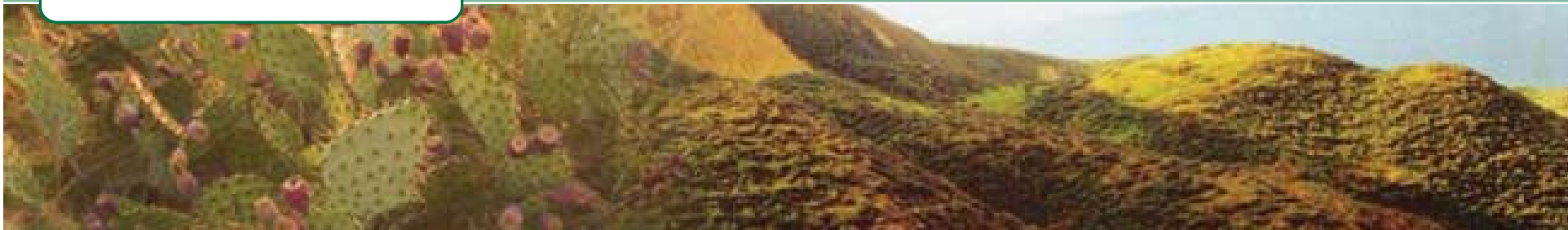
The additional gas collection wells will improve the extraction of methane gas, which is produced by the natural decomposition of waste. The high-quality methane is sent to a gas-to-energy facility that converts it into nearly four megawatts of electricity while the lower quality gas is sent to El Sobrante's state-of-the-art ultra-low emissions gas flare.

On a national level, Waste Management recently pledged to double its renewable energy output to ultimately power more than 2 million homes by 2020. Currently WM provides enough fuel to power a million homes through its gas-to-energy stations. That's the equivalent of replacing 14 million barrels of oil or 3.6 million tons of coal every year.





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Only Rain Down the Drain

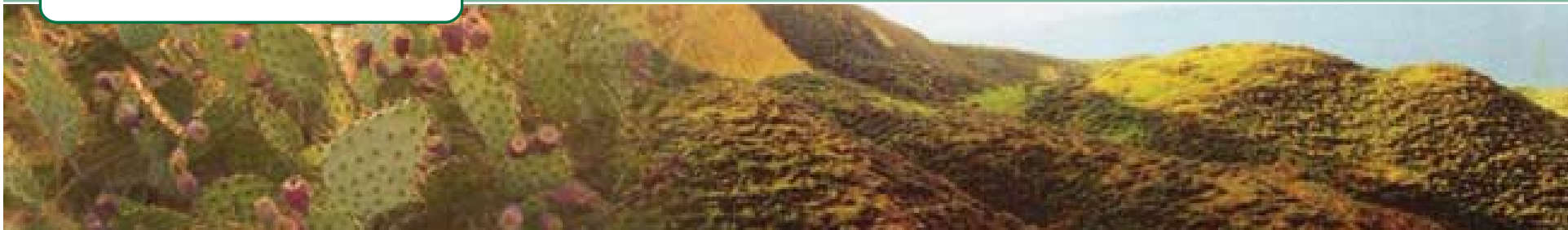
With the recent rains, the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District wants to make sure residents understand the importance of protecting our storm drains. The storm drain is designed to drain excess rain and ground water away from paved streets, parking lots, sidewalks and roofs and not act as a disposal waste system. Since storm drain systems do not connect to water treatment facilities, any items that are put down these drains flow directly into waterways such as local streams, rivers and lakes.



We can all do our part to protect our precious water resources by preventing the disposal of pollutants, such as trash, pesticides and fertilizers, down the storm drain. In addition, residents can help out by using non-toxic household cleaners and recycling used motor oil and anti-freeze. It is also important to dry sweep leaves and yard clippings from sidewalks and driveways. If piles of leaves are left in the gutters, they can clog storm drains and cause flooding. Also, when possible, divert rain runoff from hard surfaces to grass or permeable soil. Finally, please make sure to clean up after your animal and to drop the waste in a trash can, not down the storm drain. To report illegal disposal of pollutants into the storm drain, please call 1-800-506-2555 or visit the Flood Control and Water Conservation District's website at www.floodcontrol.co.riverside.ca.us/.



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Notable Recognitions

Recently, Waste Management was recognized for its inclusion in two different reports. Waste Management was named to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for the third consecutive year. The Index is a prestigious selection of companies judged on their global leadership in sustainability and economic performance. At WM, we work hard to ensure advanced protection of the environment and implementation of state-of-the-art technology. We believe these efforts distinguish us as the foremost leader in environmental protection and solid waste management. To view the Index, visit <http://www.djindexes.com/> and complete the free registration.



WM was also one of 143 companies to receive a perfect "100" score on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Corporate Equality Index. Most notably, WM was the only environmental service company named in the report. We are committed to maintaining a culture where diversity is valued and all employees are optimal contributors to business objectives and have equal access to opportunities. The full report is available online at <http://www.hrc.org/placestowork/>.