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LA PRIMARIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS CELEBRATE SAN GABRIEL RIVER EARTH DAY

City Of El Monte – Second and third-grade students from La Primaria Elementary School will join County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, County and City Officials and local community groups to plant trees and California native flowers in honor of Earth Day.

“In addition to beautifying their neighborhood with native trees and plants, La Primaria students will learn that a few simple behaviors can have a tremendous impact on our environment. Using a reusable bag instead of single-use plastic bags, and putting trash in its proper place are earth-friendly practices that have long-term benefits for local waterways and our communities,” said Supervisor Gloria Molina.

WHO: Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, (1st District)
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
City Officials
Mountain View School District
La Primaria Elementary School
Los Angeles County Fire Department
Amigos de los Rios

WHAT: Sixty students will plant 14 trees and 285 California Native Flowers. Public Works will also display a Watershed Model demonstrating what a watershed looks like and the effects pollution has on the watershed. The Los Angeles County Fire Department will present "No Way Out", a preventative educational presentation emphasizing the dangers of playing in the flood channels. Amigos de los Rios, a non-profit organization will be exhibiting an educational booth to bring awareness of the importance for creating sustainable open spaces, protecting our environment and strengthening community life.

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WHEN: Thursday, April 24, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

9:00 a.m. – Event Speakers
10:00 a.m. – Planting activity and educational booths

WHERE: **La Primaria Elementary School**
4220 Gilman Road
El Monte, CA 91732

WHY: The goal of this enriching event is to allow students, community groups and civic leaders to work together to plant native trees and shrubs and to educate the students on how to preserve and protect the local watersheds.

Each Earth Day event is filled with educational elements to help students understand how their everyday activities can affect our environment.

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