

# CITY OF CHINO HILLS

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### AYALA STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT STREAM ECOLOGY

Students from Rhonda Fellows' and Matthew Jankowski's biology classes at Ayala High School had the opportunity to learn about stream ecology as part of a field study coordinated by the City of Chino Hills. The event on April 27 at Strickling Park was planned as a part of the City's Earth Day activities and included support from volunteers. Tad Garrety, the City's Environmental Program Coordinator, took the opportunity to teach the students about stream habitat, biological indicators, and social responsibilities related to curbing pollutants in streams. Mr. Garrety oversees the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program which strives to meet Federal regulations by preventing pollutants from reaching water sources. The 52 students broke into working groups that each made a presentation reporting their findings at the end of the event. The students earned extra credit for participating. Generous sponsors included Chick-fil-A, who donated 65 coupons for a free chicken sandwich; and CiCi's pizza who donated eight lunch buffet coupons.