

## **INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE STEWARDS DAY**

During the fall of 2008, the idea was developed of having a one day education program, later titled "Future Stewards Day", which would include water conservation and air quality topics. The Air Quality Commission and Public Works staff developed a program that consisted of topics covering what water conservation is, how to practice water conservation, the meaning of the Air Quality Index, what air pollution is and why it is bad, the circle of life and the effects of pollution on animals.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Future Stewards Day" took place on May 1, 2009, at Riverside Park, from 9 am to 2 pm. Lunch was provided from 11 am to 12 pm. The students enjoyed many demonstrations and games that enforced the topic ideas covered within the six stations presented. Each child received a "goodie bag" that included water conservation literature along with an air quality/recycling information wheel and several Air Quality Commission and water conservation souvenirs. A drawing contest was also offered in which each student was encouraged to draw a picture about what they learned that day. The pictures were collected one week later and the Public Works staff voted on which pictures they liked the best. The top fourteen pictures were chosen and used in a calendar. A copy of the calendar was given to each contest winner, the contest winner's teacher, Public Works staff and each City Council member.

The Public Works Department plans on making this an annual event in order to educate our youth on a variety of environmental topics in a positive and enjoyable atmosphere.