



## UCSF Campus Sustainability Highlights Executive Summary FY15

# Living Our Commitments to Health and Sustainability



**AS YOU KNOW**, UC San Francisco (UCSF) is a leader in healthcare, but did you know that UCSF is also a leader in sustainability? From hosting a forum on the health benefits of green building to making it easy and affordable to purchase 100% post consumer waste (PCW) paper to reducing water use by 26% since Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (FY14), UC San Francisco continued to live its commitment to leadership in health and sustainability during FY15. This Executive Summary highlights UCSF's greatest sustainability accomplishments on its campus. For those interested in more details, please see the full online **Annual Report**.



### LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY ▶

UCSF's leadership in sustainability was put into action when it hosted the US Green Building Council's **Building Health Forum** at the Mission Bay Campus. This well-attended event highlighted the health benefits of green building best practices.



## CLIMATE CHANGE ▶

UCSF continues to work toward its goal of carbon neutrality. Despite adding several new lab buildings, since FY05, the UCSF campus reduced energy use by 10% and achieved a 24% improvement in energy use per square foot. Over FY15, the campus single occupancy vehicle (SOV) rate was 29% making UCSF the second lowest SOV rate among the 10 University of California campuses.

## WATER ▶

During FY15, UCSF reduced potable water use, completed a Water Action Plan, inventoried water equipment, and implemented water rebate programs, achieving a 26% reduction in water use compared to FY14. In FY15, UCSF achieved a 27% reduction in water use from its FY08 to FY10 baseline, meeting the 2020 water goal five years early.

## ZERO WASTE ▶

The campus is working toward its goal of achieving zero waste by 2020. In FY15, UCSF diverted 69% of its waste from the landfill, an increase of 3% from FY14 as a result of a range of campus recycling programs. Monthly e-waste collection events, move-out clean up days, ongoing education, and improved waste sorting efforts contributed to this success.

## PROCUREMENT ▶

BearBuy users now have the option to purchase 100% PCW recycled content paper at a competitive cost—saving trees and money. In addition, all

printers, computers, laptops, servers, and LCD screens are Energy Star certified. All printers, laptops, and desktop computers are also EPEAT certified.

## SUSTAINABLE FOOD ▶

UCSF Retail Services achieved 18% of total spend on sustainable food—on track to meet UCSF's goal of reaching 20% sustainable food by 2020.

## TOXICS REDUCTION ▶

Due to negative health and environmental impacts, UCSF has eliminated Triclosan, a common antibacterial compound, from hand soaps. In addition, all cleaning supplies are now Green Seal certified. UCSF also supported the publication of *Toxic Matters* to educate parents on how to prevent toxic chemical exposures at home, at work, and in the community.

## CULTURE SHIFT ▶

Chancellor Hawgood presented awards at the 5th **Annual Sustainability Awards** to faculty, staff, student, and team categories and awarded 20 LivingGreen office and lab certifications. The 2015 **LivingGreen Fair** was a big success, with over 1,500 attendees and 80+ vendors in attendance. Booths highlighted green laboratory practices, sustainable products, food, transportation, and UCSF's sustainability programs. Over 69,000 unique visitors visited the UCSF sustainability website, [LivingGreen.UCSF.edu](http://LivingGreen.UCSF.edu).

## SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS ▶

The School of Nursing building was certified as a LEED – EBOM (Existing Building Operations and Maintenance), no easy task in a building first occupied in 1971.