

UC Irvine FY 2015-16 Facilities Management Sustainability Team Updates:

RecycleMania

UCI participated in the nationwide RecycleMania competition this year and placed 6th in the Grand Champion and 7th in Gorilla category (highest gross tonnage of commingled recycling).



KCET Interview & Article

In partnership with Hospitality & Dining, KCET SoCal Connected highlighted Lot 5 Dining Commons as a best practice example for businesses working on diverting food waste from landfills.



Earth Week - Mt. RecycleMore

For Earth Week, the FM Sustainability Team created a display called Mt. RecycleMore. The display showcased how much material is thrown away every single day on the main campus, while also educating students on the importance and value of recycling.



LEED Certification

After a 2-year long project, six UCI buildings achieved certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Humanities Instructional Building achieved Gold; Social Ecology I, Natural Sciences 2, & Hewitt Hall achieved Silver; Reines Hall and Gillespie both achieved Certified certification.



Solar-Powered Big Bellies

Installation of solar powered Big Bellies with new and improved signage increased main campus diversion from 20% to 45% through monitoring.



Styrofoam Recycling Pilot Program

In collaboration with local business/manufacturer, Marko Foam, the FM Sustainability Team piloted a Styrofoam Recycling Program in 10 locations across campus. The Styrofoam collected from research labs is then turned into the foam core of surfboards in a “waste to waves” program.



Bottle Filling Stations

In 2015, UCI’s 162 Bottle Filling Stations helped avoid the use of over 2.3 million plastic bottles equal to 65 tons of plastic. UCI is also proud to welcome two new Bottle Filling Stations to Aldrich Park. These stations come equipped with two drinking fountains, and are ADA approved.



Nonpotable Water

UCI converted the street sweepers to use nonpotable water to save about 63,000 gallons of potable water annually.



Text to Conserve

The text to conserve program allows students, staff and visitors to quickly alert Facilities Management of any water issues on campus, simply a text to water@uci.edu. We continue our efforts to inform students on the importance of water conservation as well as text to conserve through peer-to-peer tabling and educational outreach.

