

# Student Research for Campus Water Savings

## Redesign of a Campus Sustainability Course

### San Francisco State Team Members:

**Living Lab Champion:** Caitlin Steele, Director of Sustainability & Energy

**Faculty Lead:** Carlos Davidson, Professor, Environmental Studies Program

**Nick Kordesch,** Sustainability Coordinator

**Charles Meyer,** Senior Director Facilities & Service Enterprises

### Course to be redesigned:

The course to be redesigned is Environmental Studies 570: Campus Sustainability. This course was first taught in 2008 and has from the start worked on collaborative projects with the Facilities department at SF State including the first greenhouse gas inventory for campus.

### Timeline for implementation of redesigned course:

Redesign will take place during Fall 2015 semester, with implementation in the class in Spring 2016

### Goals for the course redesign:

1. Redesign of course lecture and assignments to include campus water use and efficiency. Initial new assignment would have students conduct bathroom water assessments by collecting information on number and water use of existing fixtures and bathroom use (pilot underway). Future assignments would be on water use on grounds and other water uses.
2. Develop a building water use model that will allow estimates of water use and potential retrofit costs and water savings based on bathroom use and fixture information for all bathrooms in a building. Subsequently develop a model for lawn to native plant conversions, and then other water uses.
3. Redesign of final course projects to focus on water use. Initially in bathrooms, reports would use all the individual bathroom assessment data collected by students for a single building and the building water use model to estimate current water use and potential retrofit costs and water savings. Students would conduct financial analysis to examine payback period, and cost of water savings for particular retrofits in specific bathrooms to make retrofit recommendations to Facilities.

4. Infrastructure needs funds would be used by Facilities to carry out a pilot retrofit of one mens and one womens bathroom. New high efficiency toilets and urinals would be installed allowing Facilities to assess new toilet and urinal models and the labor time and cost for retrofits. This information would then be incorporated in the building water use model and subsequently used by students in their building retrofit reports.

### Student learning objectives:

- Raise awareness of how institutional decisions affect water use.
- Apply financial analysis to a sustainability retrofit decision.
- Integrate financial, use, and sustainability commitment considerations to arrive at retrofit recommendations.
- Enhance skills in quantitative assessments and professional presentation of sustainability research.



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**Course Name & Description:** Applied Local Sustainability (ENVS 570) is an upper division course for Environmental Studies majors in the College of Health and Social Sciences at San Francisco State University. The course is designed to prepare students to do sustainability work at the local level in city and county government and in business, educational and non-profit organizations.

**Project Abstract:** Redesign of course lecture and assignments to include a major campus water use and efficiency project. New assignment would have students conduct bathroom water assessments by collecting information on number and water use of existing fixtures and bathroom use and write a report on building water use and retrofit savings and costs for an entire campus building.

**GE Credit (if applicable):** Yes – meets San Francisco State environmental sustainability general education requirement

**Keywords/Tags:** sustainability, water use, bathrooms, retrofits, water efficiency

**Instructional Delivery:** Currently, in-class lecture and laboratory

**Pedagogical Approaches:** lecture, discussion, in the field demonstrations, hands on field collection of data

**Class Size:** 35

### About the Course Redesign

#### Stage 1

#### Background on the Redesign

#### Why Redesign Your Course?

- **Current Course Description:** Students will learn about current sustainability issues and efforts at universities across the country and at San Francisco State. A major component of course will be completion of a hands-on sustainability project on campus.
- What type of characteristics are you looking to change in the redesign to incorporate elements of Campus as a Living Lab?

Three main elements of a redesign:

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2. Develop a building water use model that will allow estimates of water use and potential retrofit costs and water savings based on bathroom use and fixture information for all bathrooms in a building. Subsequently develop a model for lawn to native plant conversions, and then other water uses.
3. Redesign of final course projects to focus on water use. Initially in bathrooms, reports would use all the individual bathroom assessment data collected by students for a single building and the building water use model to estimate current water use and potential retrofit costs and water savings. Students would conduct financial analysis to examine payback period, and cost of water savings for particular retrofits in specific bathrooms to make retrofit recommendations to Facilities.

#### Course History/Background

- Describe how this course maps into the selection of courses the students take before and after this particular course in your department or program. Is this course part of a larger selection of sustainability themed curriculum?

This course is an upper division elective course that meets a number of requirements in the Environmental Studies major. Students are required to take ENVS 300 Introduction to Environmental Studies as a prerequisite.

- What is the department's historical context for student success in these courses?

### Course Redesign Planning

#### Stage 3

#### Implementing the Redesigned Course

#### Which Aspects of Your Course Have You Redesigned?

- What are you now doing or planning to do through the redesign of your course?

I redesigned the major final project for the course from a campus sustainability policy proposal to hands on collection of water use data in campus bathrooms and writing of a report on water use in bathrooms in a campus building with potential money and water savings through fixture retrofits. Also built a water use calculator for student use, and added a lectures on water use in bathrooms, calculating water use using the calculator, and on using water and financial metrics to evaluate retrofit options.

- How has the CALL program influenced the decisions you made in the redesign of your course?

The CALL program encouraged me to work directly with Facilities to have students work on water projects that provided Facilities with useful data and analysis for reducing water use on campus.

#### What role did the CALL Champion play in the redesign of your course?

- How was the CALL Champion involved in identifying and developing course content?

The CALL champion helped right from the start in identifying bathroom water use as an area Facilities wanted to work on and where student collected data and analysis would be helpful. The CALL champion and other facilities partners came up with the specific retrofit fixtures students used in their retrofit analyses. And the CALL champion identified the first priority buildings for data collection.

- How will the CALL Champion participate once the course is redesigned and implemented?

The CALL champion identified priority buildings for a second semester of data collection and helped determine additional data students could collect that would be useful to Facilities.

#### Which Professional Development Activities Have You Participated in During Your Course Redesign?

Students have been very enthusiastic about applied courses in the major.

- What are the elements of sustainability currently in the course, if any? How is this content currently delivered?

The entire course is focused on sustainability. Currently the course covers energy use in lighting, waste, landscaping, greenhouse gas emissions inventories and climate action planning, transportation, and more.

#### High Demand / Low Success Issues

- Describe the high demand/low success issues which are affecting the course you are redesigning?

There are no high demand/low success issues with this course.

#### Syllabus from pre-designed course is an attachment

##### About the Students and Instructor(s)

##### Stage 2

#### Student Characteristics

- To the best of your abilities, describe the population of students who take the course, including the range of majors, and their incoming knowledge and/or skills that they typically have coming into the class.

Students in the course are mainly upper division Environmental Studies majors with a hand-full of majors from a scatter of other disciplines. Generally they have a strong background in environmental issues, but have few applied skills to work on sustainability issues.

- Is there an overall sustainability culture with the students at your campus?

Yes, the campus has a fairly strong sustainability culture.

#### Impact of Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives (SLOs) on Course Redesign

- The outcomes of this project include:

Raise awareness of how institutional decisions affect water use.

Apply financial analysis to a sustainability retrofit decision.

Integrate financial, use, and sustainability commitment considerations to arrive at retrofit recommendations.

Enhance skills in quantitative assessments and professional presentation of sustainability research.

- Current course learning objectives:

Give students hands on opportunities to develop skills involved in sustainability work - both technical skills such as those involved in conducting a greenhouse gas inventory as well as organizational, political, and social skills involved in carrying out a sustainability project.

#### Alignment of SLOs With Course Redesign

- Briefly describe how the course redesign will align with the SLOs.

The redesign continues the courses focus on hands on learning with applied projects in which students gather their own data, analyze it and write a report.

#### Assessments Used to Assess Students' Achievement of SLOs

- How are you planning to assess the students' achievement regarding the SLOs?

Students write reports which are then graded and assessed with a rubric.

#### Accessibility, Affordability, and Diversity Considerations

##### Accessibility

- Share how you have considered designing the course to serve students with varied abilities.

All class exercises are accessible to students, even a student in a wheel chair.

##### Affordability

- Are the course materials and technologies used readily available and affordable for your students?

I did not attend any professional development activities during my course redesign.

**Revised syllabus is attached below. Note that since the redesign focused on the course final project, the syllabus alone, which does not have details of the final project, does not well illustrate the redesign work. I have therefore also attached below the assignment description for the water use final project.**

##### Redesign Results

##### Stage 4

#### Course Redesign Impact on Teaching and Learning

- How has the course redesign strategies affected your instruction and your students' learning? Did your redesign strategy solve the issues that motivated you to redesign the course?

The motivation for the redesign was to have students do more hands on sustainability work that would give them professional skills and a sense that they were contributing directly to campus sustainability. The redesign was very successful in this regard. The redesign greatly increased student learning of field quantitative data collection techniques, data storage, manipulation and analysis with Excell, assessment of financial and environmental benefits and costs of alternative retrofits, and report writing

- Describe how your students mastered the student learning outcomes. Were the students more successful in the redesigned course than in previous courses? Explain.

Students did excellent work with the water efficiency work and met my learning goals. I think the fact that the project was connected to real sustainability work on campus addressing a pressing environmental issue made students more motivated. Because this already was a highly motivated set of students who generally did very well, I was not able to gauge whether or not the redesign led to greater success.

- Did you experience unexpected results after teaching the redesigned course? If so, what were they?

The redesigned course required much greater use and mastery of Excell. The first time I taught it, I did not realize this, and students struggled with Excell. The second time I added a class session in the a computer lab where we could work together on an example of water use and retrofit calculations in Excell. This helped greatly.

- Sample of student work: ie capstone projects.

Three student building water use reports are attached below.

#### Assessment Findings

- Compile and upload graphs/tables/charts reflecting your findings with a short description. You might include a course comparison of pre/post student achievements before redesign.

I don't have this sort of data. I have student grades in the course pre and post redesign, and students grades on the final project pre and post-redesign. However, I do not believe either of those are informative.

#### Student Impact

- Comments or survey results:

Here are two selected comments from my end of course teaching evaluations for Fall 2016. In general students expressed to me that they really appreciated the hands on nature of the final project, that they learned real professional skills such as professional report writing, working with Excell, analyzing retrofit options based on both environmental and financial criteria, and that the projects were directly connected to improving sustainability on campus and addressing a pressing environmental issue.

"Both the lighting and water report were extremely significant because they gave students a hands on feel on what people are actually doing in sustainability work. These activities could be what we do in future jobs so it was enjoyable and beneficial to do these activities."

"The instructor provided tons of good resources and information for students to access. He gave lots of time to finish projects and clearly laid them out for students. He had very beneficial assignments that helped students understand bigger concepts on campus such as water and light usage."

#### Lessons Learned & Redesign Tips

##### Teaching Tips

- What advice do you have for others who might want to teach with this redesigned course? (technology training and support, planning, creating learning outcomes, etc.)

My advice:

1. Coordinate buildings to study with your Facilities department
2. Provide lots of Excell support to students – they will need it to do the reports, and improving their Excell skills is an important professional skill (which most students will appreciate).
3. Provide a word template for the final reports and explain the importance of professional looking reports.

Only course expense is one small book. Rest of readings are available free on course management software. All materials are free

- **Diversity**
- Do the pedagogical strategies support students' learning with diverse backgrounds?

Yes, the strategies support students learning with diverse backgrounds. Also I have been working on student support groups to help all students get peer support.

#### **About the Instructor**

Carlos Davidson is a Professor of Environmental Studies at San Francisco State University. He has been active in campus sustainability issues including helping found the University Sustainability Committee, co-authoring the campus' first greenhouse gas emissions inventory, leading a successful effort to get a general education sustainability requirement, working on SF State's fossil fuel divestment, and teaching a Campus Sustainability course. Davidson's research is on the causes of amphibian population declines. He is also interested in issues of environmental justice, and climate change. Davidson earned his Ph.D. in ecology at the University of California, Davis.

#### **About the Facilities Staff Partners**

**Caitlin Steele is Director of Sustainability and Energy. Nick Kordesh is Sustainability Coordinator, and Charles Meyer was Senior Director Facilities & Service Enterprises** (He has retired since the CALL project began).

4. Compile student data from each bathroom into a shared class spreadsheet that students can use for their full building assessments. It is more satisfying for a student to write a report on a full building than just a few bathrooms.
5. Assign multiple students to gather data each bathroom so you can check student results against each other, and still have coverage if a student fails to collect data.
6. Similarly, assign multiple students to write final reports on each building. This will allow you to pick a best report to share with Facilities.

#### **Course Redesign Obstacles**

- What challenges did you confront and how did you overcome them?

##### Two main challenges

1. Many students having only rudimentary Excell skills. Overcame by providing some online Excell training, devoting an entire class in a computer lab to hands on working with the water calculations in Excell, and ensuring teaching assistant and my office hours were welcoming to students who needed Excell help.
2. A very few students doing poor data collection or not completing their data collection. Solved by having each bathroom assigned to two students – so I got duplicate data that I could compare and coverage if one student did not collect their data. It meant the class could cover only half as many bathrooms, but it was worth it.

#### **Strategies I Used to Increase Engagement**

- What pedagogical strategies did you use in your newly redesigned course to engage students?

Make it fun, and emphasize that this was real work helping the campus address water use in the drought. That was very motivating.

#### **Instructor Reflection**

- Share any plans to disseminate/publish the findings of your course redesign activity.

No plans to disseminate or publish my findings.

## Attachments

1. Carlos Davidson CV
2. ENVS 570 Syllabus Spring 2015 (pre-redesign)
3. ENVS 570 Syllabus Fall 2016 (post redesign)
4. Assignment description for water use in bathrooms final project
5. Student sample work #1: Water Use in Fine Arts building by Lillebaek Anderson
6. Student sample work #2: Water Use in Student Services Building by Kelly Dodge
7. Student sample work #3: Water Use in Thorton Hall by Rebecca Standridge

**CARLOS DAVIDSON**  
**CV**

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Ecology, Conservation Ecology Emphasis Area. University of California, Davis. 2000.  
Dissertation: Spatial Patterns of California Amphibian Declines and Ecological Limits. Advisor:  
H. Bradley Shaffer.

Masters degree, Economics. University of California, Berkeley. 1990.

Bachelors degree, Economics. University of California, Berkeley. 1982.

**CURRENT POSITION**

Professor. 2010-present. Environmental Studies Program. San Francisco State University. 1600  
Holloway Ave., San Francisco CA 94132.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Program director/Program coordinator. 2005-2015. Environmental Studies Program. San Francisco State  
University. 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco CA 94132.

Associate Professor. 2005-2010. Environmental Studies Program. San Francisco State University. 1600  
Holloway Ave., San Francisco CA 94132.

Assistant Professor. 2000 – 2005. Environmental Studies Department. California State University,  
Sacramento.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

California State University System. Campus as a Living Laboratory grants. Course redesign: Student  
Research for Campus Water Efficiency Projects. \$15,439. AY 15-16.

Office for Research and Sponsored Projects, SF State. Individual investigator grants. Climatic refuges  
for declining amphibian populations. \$18,844, AY 12-13.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Impacts of a fungal pathogen, pesticides, and temperature on the  
cascades frog in the mountains of northern California. With Catherine Johnson, Janet Foley,  
Sharon Lawler, Karen Pope, Nathan Nieto, Kevin Aceituno and Jonah Piovia-Scott. \$395,122.  
AY 10-13.

Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment. Effects of sub-lethal pesticide exposure on  
frog's immune response. \$20,000. 2005-2006.

State Water Quality Control Board, PRISM grant. Pesticide residues in frogs and amphibian declines in the California Cascades and Sierra Nevada. \$190,000. 2004-2006.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. STAR grant. Airborne pesticides and disease outbreaks in Sierra Nevada frogs. Roland Knapp co-PI. \$215,000. 2003-2004.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Historic pesticide use and California amphibian declines. Research grant. \$29,000. 2001-2002.

Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force of The World Conservation Union (IUCN)/Species Survival Commission. Seed grant. \$1,700. 2000-2001.

Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force. Special seed grant for climate change research. \$4,500. 1998-2000

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed journal articles

Vincent K, and Davidson C. 2015. The toxicity of glyphosate alone and glyphosate-surfactant mixtures to western toad (*Anaxyrus boreas*) tadpoles. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*

Boone MD, Bishop CA, Boswell LA, Brodman RD, Burger J, Davidson C, et al. 2014. Pesticide regulation amid the influence of industry. *Bioscience* 64:917-922.

Davidson C, Williamson C, Vincent K, Simonich S, Yip KS, Hero JM, et al. 2013. Anuran population declines occur on an elevational gradient in the Western Hemisphere. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 8:503–518.

Davidson, C., K. Stanley, and S. Simonich. 2012. Contaminant residues and declines of the Cascades frog (*Rana cascadae*) in the California Cascades, USA. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* **31**:1895-1902

Grasso, R. L., R. M. Coleman, and C. Davidson. 2010. Palatability and antipredator response of Yosemite Toads (*Anaxyrus canorus*) to nonnative Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. *Copeia* **2010**: 457-462.

Stanley, K., S. M. Simonich, D. Bradford, C. Davidson, and N. Tallent-Halsell. 2009. Comparison of pressurized liquid extraction and matrix solid phase dispersion for the measurement of semi-volatile organic compound accumulation in tadpoles. *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* **28**: 2038-2043.

Davidson, C., M. Benard, H. B. Shaffer, J. Parker, C. O'Leary, J. M. Conlon, and L. A. Rollins-Smith. 2007. Effects of chytrid infection and carbaryl exposure on survival, growth and

antimicrobial peptide defenses in foothill yellow-legged frogs (*Rana boylei*). *Environmental Science and Technology* **41**:1771-1776.

Davidson, C., and R. Knapp. 2007. Multiple stressors and amphibian declines: dual impacts of pesticides and fish on yellow-legged frogs. *Ecological Applications* **17**:587-597.

Conlon, J. M., A. al-Dhaheri, E. al-Mutawa, R. al-Kharrge, E. Ahmed, J. Kolodziejek, N. Nowotny, P. F. Nielsen, and C. Davidson. 2007. Peptide defenses of the Cascades frog *Rana cascadae*: implications for the evolutionary history of frogs of the Amerana species group. *Peptides* **28**:1268-1274.

Conlon, J. M., N. Al-Ghafari, L. Coquet, J. b. Leprince, d., T. Jouenne, H. Vaudry, and C. Davidson. 2006. Evidence from peptidomic analysis of skin secretions that the red-legged frogs, *Rana aurora draytonii* and *Rana aurora aurora*, are distinct species. *Peptides* **27**:1305 – 1312.

Conlon, J. M., A. Sonnevend, C. Davidson, A. Demandt and T. Jouenne. 2005. Host-defense peptides isolated from the skin secretions of the Northern red-legged frog *Rana aurora aurora*. *Developmental and Comparative Immunology* **29**:83-90.

Davidson, C. 2004. Declining downwind: California amphibian population declines and historic pesticide use. *Ecological Applications*. **14**:1892-1902.

Conlon, J. M., A. Sonnevend, C. Davidson, D. Smith and P. F. Nielsen. 2004. The ascaphins: a family of antimicrobial peptides from the skin secretions of the most primitive extant frog, *Ascaphus truei*. *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications* **320**:170-175.

Conlon, J. M., A. Sonnevend, M. Patel, C. Davidson, P. F. Nielsen, T. Pal and L. A. Rollins-Smith. 2003. Isolation of peptides of the bevinin-1 family with potent cadidacidal activity from the skin secretions of the frog *Rana boylei*. *Journal of Peptide Research* **62**:207-213.

Davidson, C., H. B. Shaffer, and M. R. Jennings. 2002. Spatial tests of the pesticide drift, habitat destruction, UV-B and climate change hypotheses for California amphibian declines. *Conservation Biology* **16**: 1588-1601.

Davidson, C., H. B. Shaffer, and M. R. Jennings. 2001. Declines of the California red-legged frog: climate, UV-B, habitat and pesticides hypotheses. *Ecological Applications* **11**:464-479.

Davidson, C. 2000. Economic growth and the environment: Alternatives to the limits paradigm. *BioScience* **50**:433-440.

Davidson, C. 1998. Issues in measuring landscape fragmentation. *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, **26**:32-37.

Shaffer, H. B., R. N. Fisher, and C. Davidson. 1998. The role of natural history collections in documenting species declines. *Trends and Reviews in Ecology and Evolution* **13**:27-30.

## **Books**

Elliot, L., Gerhardt, C. and Davidson, C. 2008. *The Frogs and Toads of North America: A comprehensive guide to their identification, behavior and calls*. Houghton Mifflin, Boston

## **Book Chapters**

- Boone, M.D., C Davidson, and C.M. Bridges. 2009. Evaluating the Impact of Pesticides in Amphibian Declines. In *Amphibian Biology Volume 8: Diseases, Parasites, Maladies and Pollution*, Heatwole, H. and J. Wilkinson, eds.
- Davidson, C. and G. M. Fellers. 2005. Species account: *Bufo canorus*. Pages 400-401 In *Status and Conservation of United States Amphibians*. M. J. Lannoo ed. University of California Press, Berkeley.
- Vredenberg, V., Fellers, G.M. and C. Davidson. 2005. Species account: *Rana muscosa*. In *Status and Conservation of United States Amphibians*. M. J. Lannoo ed. University of California Press, Berkeley.

## **Audio Publications**

- Davidson, C. 1995 first edition, 2014 Second edition. Audio field guide to frog and toad calls of the Pacific Coast. CD/Cassette and booklet. Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY.
- Davidson, C. 1996. Audio field guide to the frog and toad calls of the Rocky Mountains and Southwest. CD/Cassette and booklet. Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY.

## **Selected reports**

- C. Davidson. 2009 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory for Pacifica, California for 2005. Pacifica Climate Committee. pp 11.
- Fager, C. and C. Davidson. 2008 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory 1990-2006 for San Francisco State University. Report prepared for the SF State Facilities Department for submission to the American University and College Presidents Climate Commitment. pp 22.

## **SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

- Climate refuges, climate and the decline of red and yellow legged frogs. Amphibian Diseases annual meeting, Arizona State University, Tempe AZ. 2014
- Anuran population declines occur on an elevational gradient in the Western Hemisphere. Amphibian Diseases annual meeting, Arizona State University, Tempe AZ. 2013
- Evaluating the pesticide hypothesis for amphibian population declines: Evidence from landscapes to laboratories. Invited symposium talk. World Congress of Herpetology. Vancouver, BC. 2012.
- Contaminants and the decline of Cascades Frogs. California Nevada Amphibian Populations Task Force, Yosemite Valley, CA 2011.

Are contaminants contributing to the declines of Cascades Frogs in California? California Nevada Amphibian Populations Task Force, Bodega Bay, CA 2009.

Agricultural pesticide drift and amphibians. Agriculture and Air Quality Conference, U.C. Davis, 2008.

Pesticide use and California amphibian declines. Invited talk. Univ. of California, Davis, CA. 2008.

Why are amphibian population declines concentrated in mountains? Invited talk. Sonoma State Univ. Rhonert Park, CA. 2008.

Pesticide use and California amphibian declines. Invited talk. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. 2006.

Spatial associations between pesticide use and amphibian declines in California. Society for Conservation Biology. San Jose, CA 2006.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Professor. 2010-present. Environmental Studies Program. San Francisco State University. Teach: Senior Seminar, Internship, Research Methods, and Applied Local Sustainability courses.

Associate Professor. 2005-2010. Environmental Studies Program. San Francisco State University. Taught Environmental Problems and Solutions, Senior Seminar, Internship, and Campus Sustainability courses.

Assistant Professor. 2000 – 2005. Environmental Studies Department. California State University, Sacramento. Taught Introduction to Environmental Science, Field Methods for Environmental Science, and Senior Thesis.

Invited instructor. January 2004. Graduate short-course for students from Latin and North America titled “Advanced training in amphibian population decline research.” Costa Rica.

Instructor. Environmental Analysis, Spring 2000, U.C. Davis. Designed and taught the introductory course for majors in Department of Environmental Science and Policy.

## **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

### **University Service**

Member CHSS elections committee, 2015 – 2018

Chair Environmental Studies faculty search committee, Fall 2015

Director/Program Coordinator Environmental Studies Program, SF State. 2005-2015

Faculty advisor to the ECO-Students student organization SFSU 2005-07; 2011- present.

Member All University Sustainability Committee Fall 2008-2012.

Member Romberg Tiburon director search committee, SF State, 2007.

Reviewer for *Conservation Biology*, *Biological Conservation*, *Ecological Applications*, *Copeia*, *Oecologia*, *Diversity and Distributions*, and *Herpetological Review*.

### **Community Service**

Alternate Advisory Board member, San Mateo County Community Choice Energy, 2015-2016

Co-founder and member Pacifica Climate Committee, Fall 08 – present

Chair, City of Pacifica Climate Action Plan Task Force, 2010 - 2012

Board member Pacifica Land Trust, 2007-2010

## **SYLLABUS - ENVS 570 Campus Sustainability – Update Jan 18**

### **Instructor:**

Carlos Davidson. Office: 332 HSS.

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Web page: <http://online.sfsu.edu/carlosd>

**Classroom and Time:** Tuesday, Thursday 11:00-12:15, HSS 102.

**Final Exam:** no final exam, but we will meet Tuesday May 19 10:45-1:15.

**Course Description:** The catalog description is: Students will learn about current sustainability issues and efforts at universities across the country and at San Francisco State. A major component of course will be completion of a hands-on sustainability project on campus.

The big projects for this section of the course will be on doing building lighting energy efficiency assessments and developing recommendations on a sustainability policy issue for the University Sustainability Committee.

### **Course objectives:**

Give students hands on opportunities to develop skills involved in sustainability work - both technical skills such as those involved in conducting a greenhouse gas inventory as well as organizational, political, and social skills involved in carrying out a sustainability project.

### **Instructional methods:**

A major component of student learning in this course will be student sustainability projects - individual or group - to be carried out by students during the semester. Classroom time will include standard lecture format, in addition, small group discussion, and full class discussions.

### **Course Materials:**

Main texts: Creighton, Sara H. 1998. Greening the ivory tower: improving the environmental track record of universities, colleges and the other institutions. MIT press, Cambridge. (Hence SHC)

And readings on the class ilearn site. See the readings list for reading assignments by topic.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance in class is required. Participation is part of the course grade and you can't participate if you don't attend. Furthermore substantial class time will be devoted to activities that cannot be “made up” if they are missed.

**Homework assignments.** All homework assignments are due at the start of class on the due date. Email submission of assignments will not be accepted. All written assignments must be typed with the exception of reading question assignments which may be handwritten if legible. Late assignments are down graded half a grade for each class period (or fraction thereof) late. The one exception is reading question assignments which are not accepted late. **Last Day to hand-in course assignments: Tuesday May 19 10:45am.**

**Electronics policy:** No use of electronic gadgets (phones, laptops, ipods, etc) in class. If you need to use a laptop for note taking please talk to me first.

**Grading:** Grades are based on the following points:

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| Homework 1 Reading questions (12 total) | 120  |
| Homework 2 Hope presentation            | 25   |
| Homework 3 AASHE bulletin actions       | 25   |
| Homework 4 Policy Op Ed                 | 75   |
| Homework 5 Water use in bathrooms       | 75   |
| Homework 6 Lighting assesemnt raw data  | 50   |
| Homework 6 Lighting assesemnt report    | 100  |
| Homework 7 GHG inventory written report | 75   |
| Homework 8 GHG calculations             | 25   |
| final paper proposal                    | 50   |
| final paper literature list             | 25   |
| final paper Part II                     | 25   |
| final paper your review                 | 50   |
| final paper                             | 100  |
| final paper presentation                | 75   |
| Participation                           | 105  |
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| Total Points                            | 1000 |

Final course grades are based on total points, with 100-90% A, 89-80% B, and 79-70% C. The percentage cutoffs may be adjusted or “curved” downward based on the difficulty of assignments, but they will not be moved upwards.

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## SCHEDULE

| Date                        | Day   | Week   | Who             | Class Topic                              | Due                             |
|-----------------------------|---|--------|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 27-Jan                      | Tu  | 1      | Davidson        | Course overview, what is sustainability? |                                 |
| 29-Jan                      | Th  | 1      | Davidson        | Sustain. & social justice                |                                 |
| 3-Feb                       | Tu  | 2      | Davidson        | Sustainability at SFSU I                 | RQ (= Reading Question)         |
| 5-Feb                       | Th  | 2      | Nick Kordesch   | Sustainability at SFSU II                | HW AASHE bulletin               |
| 10-Feb                      | Tu  | 3      | Davidson        | Finances 1 - endowments                  | RQ                              |
| 12-Feb                      | Th  | 3      | Jason Schwartz  | Students Organizing                      | HW Water use in bathrooms       |
| 17-Feb                      | Tu  | 4      | Miguel Guerrero | working with ASI                         |                                 |
| 19-Feb                      | Th  | 4      | Davidson        | Organizing Strategies                    | HW Policy Op Ed                 |
| 24-Feb                      | Tu  | 5      | Davidson        | Energy                                   | RQ                              |
| 26-Feb                      | Th  | 5      | Davidson        | Lighting training                        | RQ, HW Final paper proposal     |
| 3-Mar                       | Tu  | 6      | Davidson        | Sustainability Finances II               | RQ                              |
| 5-Mar                       | Th  | 6      | Davidson        | Sustainability Finances III              |                                 |
| 7-Mar                       | Saturday Field trip to DeAnza college 8:30am-2pm      |        |                 |  |                                 |
| 10-Mar                      | Tu  | 7      | Davidson        | Climate change I inventories             | RQ HW Lighting data             |
| 12-Mar                      | Th  | 7      | Davidson        | Climate I cont + GHG calcs in class      | Paper literature list           |
| 17-Mar                      | Tu  | 8      | Davidson        | Climate action planning                  | RQ                              |
| 19-Mar                      | Th  | 8      | Davidson        | Energy tour                              | HW Lighting report              |
| SPRING BREAK Week of Mar 24 |   |        |                 |  |                                 |
| 31-Mar                      | Tu  | 9      | No class        | Cesar Chavez Day                         |                                 |
| 2-Apr                       | Th  | 9      | Davidson        | Grounds                                  | HW GHG Calcs                    |
| 7-Apr                       | Tu  | 10     | Brian Canepa    | transportation I                         | 2RQ                             |
| 9-Apr                       | Th  | 10     | Jason Porth     | Bicycles                                 | HW GHG inventory                |
| 14-Apr                      | Tu  | 11     | Wendy Bloom     | transportation II                        | Paper section II                |
| 16-Apr                      | Th  | 11     | TA              | Topic TBA                                | HW Water use Extra Credit       |
| 19-Apr                      | Sunday Field trip to Packard Net Zero Building 12-5pm |        |                 |  |                                 |
| 21-Apr                      | Tu  | 12     | Davidson        | Water                                    | RQ                              |
| 23-Apr                      | Th  | 12     | Davidson        | Food                                     | RQ                              |
| 28-Apr                      | Tu  | 13     | TBA             | Food tour                                | Final Paper (Two copies)        |
| 30-Apr                      | Th  | 13     | Swinford?       | SF Dept of Environ.                      |                                 |
| 5-May                       | Tu  | 14     | Davidson        | work on reviews                          | Final Paper reviews (2 copies)  |
| 7-May                       | Th  | 14     | TBA             | catch up day                             |                                 |
| 12-May                      | Tu  | 15     | Davidson        | Final presentations                      | Final presentations             |
| 14-May                      | Th  | 15     | Davidson        | Final presentations                      |                                 |
| 19-May                      | Tu  | Finals | Exam 10:45-1:15 | Final exam                               | 10:45am last time to hand in HW |

## **SYLLABUS - ENVS 570 APPLIED LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY**

### **Instructor:**

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**Classroom and Time:** Tuesday, Thursday 9:35am-10:50, HSS 102

**Final Exam:** no final exam, but we will meet Tuesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 8-10:30am.

**Course Description:** The catalog description is: Students will learn about current sustainability issues and efforts at universities across the country and at San Francisco State. A major component of course will be completion of a hands-on sustainability project on campus.

The big projects for this section of the course will be on building lighting energy efficiency assessments and assessing water use in bathrooms in campus building.

### **Course objectives:**

Give students hands on opportunities to develop skills involved in sustainability work - both technical skills such as those involved in conducting a greenhouse gas inventory as well as organizational, political, and social skills involved in carrying out a sustainability project.

### **Course Materials:**

Main texts: Creighton, Sara H. 1998. Greening the ivory tower: improving the environmental track record of universities, colleges and the other institutions. MIT press, Cambridge. (Hence SHC)

And readings on the class iLearn site. See the readings list for reading assignments by topic.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance in class is required. A large part of your participation grade is attendance - coming to class, and coming on time. Participation is part of the course grade and you can't participate if you don't attend. Furthermore substantial class time will be devoted to activities that cannot be "made up" if they are missed. Students who miss more than 10 classes receive a zero for participation.

**Homework assignments.** All homework assignments are due at the start of class on the due date. Email submission of assignments will not be accepted. All written assignments must be typed with the exception of reading question assignments which may be handwritten if legible. Late assignments are down graded half a grade for each class period (or fraction thereof) late up to a maximum of half points off for lateness. Exceptions to the late policy are as follows: reading question assignments, draft water reports, and report reviews are not accepted late. **Last time to hand-in course assignments: Tuesday December 20th 10:00am.**

**Weekend Field Trips:** There will be one weekend field trips, dates still be arranged.

**Electronics policy:** No use of electronic gadgets (phones, laptops, ipods, etc) in class. If you need to use a laptop for note taking please talk to me first.

**Grading:** Course grades are based on the following points:

|                              |     |                                 |      |
|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|------|
| Reading questions (12 total) | 180 | GHG calculations exercise       | 70   |
| Hope presentation            | 70  | Water use in bathrooms raw data | 50   |
| AASHE bulletin actions       | 50  | Water use draft report          | 50   |
| Lighting assessemnt raw data | 50  | Water use report review         | 60   |
| Lighting assessemnt report   | 100 | Water use final report          | 100  |
| GHG inventory written report | 70  | Participation                   | 150  |
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|                              |     | Total Points                    | 1000 |

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**Campus and Living Laboratory Grant:** The water use projects in the class this semester were developed with funding from the CSU Chancellor’s Office Campus as a Living Laboratory grant. The water use project is a collaboration between Carlos Davidson and the SF State Facilities department. Facilities will use the information from student water research projects to aid in campus water use planning, as well as carry out two model bathroom fixture retrofits.

**CHSS Withdrawal Policy:** The last day to drop a class is September 14, 2016 until 11:59pm.

**Starting September 15 – November 22, 2016 you must submit a paper withdrawal petition.**

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Withdrawals **cannot** be initiated electronically and must be submitted using a paper application. All electronic submissions of withdrawals will be denied automatically by the Associate Dean. **You are only allowed to withdrawal from a maximum of 18 units and take a class no more than 2 times at SF**

**State.** Approval from the instructor and/or Chair does not constitute automatic approval from the associate dean so continue attending class until a decision is made. Please refer to the following website for further information on withdrawal policies: <http://chss.sfsu.edu/src>

**CR/NC Option:** The last day to request CR/NC option is **October 19, 2016 until 11:59pm**. The Associate Dean will not approve requests for changes if you miss this deadline.

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## SCHEDULE

### What we are doing in class each week, what is due, and what to read

| Date        | Day | Week   | Who            | Class Topic                              | Assignments Due                 |
|-------------|-----|--------|----------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 25-Aug      | Th  | 1      | Davidson       | Course overview, what is sustainability? |                                 |
| 30-Aug      | Tu  | 2      | Davidson       | Sustain. & social justice                |                                 |
| 1-Sep       | Th  | 2      | Davidson       | Sustainability at SFSU I                 | RQ (= Reading Question)         |
| 6-Sep       | Tu  | 3      | Nick Kordesch  | Sustainability at SFSU II                | HW AASHE bulletin               |
| 8-Sep       | Th  | 3      | Davidson       | Assessments and STARS                    | RQ                              |
| 13-Sep      | Tu  | 4      | Davidson       | Energy                                   | RQ                              |
| 15-Sep      | Th  | 4      | Davidson       | Lighting training                        | RQ                              |
| 20-Sep      | Tu  | 5      | Davidson       | Sustainability Finances part 1           | RQ                              |
| 22-Sep      | Th  | 5      | Davidson       | Sustainability Finances part 2           |                                 |
| 27-Sep      | Tu  | 6      | Naftali Moed   | Students Organizing 1                    |                                 |
| 29-Sep      | Th  | 6      | Celia Gonzales | Students Organizing 2                    | HW lightning data               |
| 4-Oct       | Tu  | 7      | Davidson       | Water                                    | RQ                              |
| 6-Oct       | Th  | 7      | Davidson       | Climate change I inventories             | RQ                              |
| 11-Oct      | Tu  | 8      | Davidson       | Climate I cont + GHG calcs in class      |                                 |
| 13-Oct      | Th  | 8      | Davidson       | Climate action planning                  | RQ, Lighting report             |
| 18-Oct      | Tu  | 9      | Davidson       | Endowments and Investments               | RQ                              |
| 20-Oct      | Th  | 9      |                | Meet BURKE 229: water analysis           | GHG calcs                       |
| 25-Oct      | Tu  | 10     | Davidson       | Organizing Strategies                    | Water data                      |
| 27-Oct      | Th  | 10     | Wendy Bloom    | Transportation w Wendy Bloom             | RQ                              |
| 1-Nov       | Tu  | 11     | Jason Porth    | Trans & Bicycles w Jason Porth           | RQ, GHG inventory               |
| 3-Nov       | Th  | 11     | Pete Costa     | transportation w Pete Costa              |                                 |
| 8-Nov       | Tu  | 12     | Davidson       | Help with water projects                 |                                 |
| 10-Nov      | Th  | 12     | Davidson       | Food                                     | RQ                              |
| 15-Nov      | Tu  | 13     | Davidson       | Energy tour                              | Draft water reports             |
| 17-Nov      | Th  | 13     | Swinford       | SF Dept of Env. w Sunshine Swinford      |                                 |
| Fall Recess |     |        |                |  |                                 |
| 29-Nov      | Tu  | 14     | TBA            | TBA                                      | water report reviews (2 copies) |
| 1-Dec       | Th  | 14     | Davidson       | peer review meetings                     |                                 |
| 6-Dec       | Tu  | 15     | Davidson       | bottled water                            |                                 |
| 8-Dec       | Th  | 15     | Davidson       | Grounds                                  | RQ                              |
| 13-Dec      | Tu  | 16     | Davidson       | conclusions                              | Final water reports             |
| 20-Dec      | Tu  | Finals | 8-10:30am      | Final meeting 8:00-10:30am               | last time to hand in HW: 10am   |

## **Assignment Water Use in Bathrooms**

This document has the following sections

- A. Introduction
- B. Bathroom water use survey
- C. Full building water use reports
- D. Peer review instructions – with reviewer assignments
- E. Room assignments for bathroom surveys
- F. Building assignments for full building water use reports
- G. How to use the bathroom water use calculations
- H. Instructor provided language for the methods section of full building reports.
- I. Instructor provided language for Acknowledgements section

### **A. Introduction**

This assignment is designed to give you hands-on experience working with analysis of water use in buildings. You will be trained on how to assess water use in bathrooms and then assigned two bathrooms in a campus building to assess the water use in fixtures and how many people use the bathroom. Student's assessment data will be combined and input into a water use model to calculate total water use for a number of campus buildings.

Students will be assigned a building, and based on the full building assessment data will write a professional report on water use and potential fixture retrofits. At the end of class these reports will be shared with the campus facilities department.

The assignment has four parts you hand in: raw assessment data for two bathrooms and draft full building reports, peer review of another students building report, and final full building report.

### **B. Bathroom Water Use Survey**

Each of you will be assigned to two bathrooms (see bathroom assignment table below) to survey and gather the following information for each bathroom:

1. Building, floor, room number and gender of your bathroom.
2. Count of the number of sinks, number of toilets and for men's bathrooms number of urinals.
3. Estimates of the gpm (gallons per minute) flow of a faucet done with a flow rate bag and a timer for each faucet in your bathroom (Consider the sink on your far left to be sink number 1, sink 2 next to the right, etc). For each sink take three measurements and average them.
4. Brand of toilets (ok to enter more than one brand).
5. GPF (gallons per flush) if it is printed on the toilet – if not say “not indicated” for each toilet (As with the sinks, consider the toilet on your far left to be toilet number 1, toilet 2 next to the right, etc).

6. Time (in seconds) to flush for each toilet. Time is measured from the moment you flush to when the water in the bottom starts to come up.
7. Brand of urinals (ok to enter more than one brand).
8. GPF (gallons per flush) if it is printed on the urinal – if not say “not indicated” for each urinal (As with the sinks, consider the urinal on your far left to be urinal number 1, urinal 2 next to the right, etc).
9. Two “peak time” counts of the number of people going into your assigned bathroom for exactly five minutes. These counts should be done between classes on Monday-Thursday, between 11am and 3pm. Peak times on Monday and Wednesday are the first ten minutes after the hour - 10-10:10, 11-11:10, 12-12:10, 1:00-1:10 and 2:00-2:10. On Tuesday and Thursday peak times are 9:50-10, 10:50-11, 12:15-12:35, and 1:50-2:10. One of your peak time counts should be in the morning and one in the afternoon. Start your count at least two minutes into the peak time windows.
10. Two “non-peak time” counts of the number of people going into your assigned bathroom for exactly five minutes. These counts should be done between classes on Monday-Thursday, between 10am and 3pm. Non-peak times are any times at least five minutes after or before peak times listed above. One of your non-peak time count should be in the morning and one in the afternoon.

**Submit your raw data:** Enter all your data in the class water use spreadsheet available on iLearn. Due Oct 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **C. Whole Building Bathroom Water Use Report**

**Complete “Draft” due Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Bring a paper copy to class, digital copy to turnitin. No late copies accepted.**

**Final version due Dec 13<sup>th</sup> (both in paper and digital via turnitin).**

Each of you will be assigned to a specific building to write a professional report on total bathroom water use in the building. Like the lighting reports, these are supposed to be professional reports in terms of content and appearance, and will be shared with Facilities to aid in their water reduction work. You will be provided with a water use calculator spreadsheet for your building with estimated water use for each bathroom in the building based on student survey data.

Your report should be in eight sections: Introduction, methods, current water use, full retrofit analysis, toilets versus urinals retrofit analysis, alternative retrofit analysis, recommendations. The introduction should discuss water use in buildings and the possible benefits of doing bathroom retrofits. You should cite two journal, academic or government sources – not commercial sources (e.g. manufacturers of fixtures). Roughly a single page double spaced in length. For the methods section describe how the bathroom data was collected and how you made any additional calculations. I will provide you a paragraph you can use describing how water use in buildings was calculated and what assumptions were used.

The current water use section should report on your findings on water use in the building. In addition to total water use give breakouts (with totals and percent of building total) for water use in sinks, toilets, and urinals. And what two or four bathrooms had the greatest water use, again give a total water use and percent of building total.

The full retrofit section should present your analysis of replacing all the toilets and urinals in the building with low flow fixtures (fixture details are below). The toilets versus urinals retrofit section should present your analysis of replacing the all the toilets versus replacing all the urinals. In the alternative analysis section you analyze some other subset of bathrooms or subset of fixtures to retrofit, such as just bathrooms on certain busy floors, or just women's bathrooms, etc.

The three analysis sections should each include the following information:

- a. both current and after-retrofit annual water use, with total water use and water use broken down for sinks, urinals, toilets.
- b. cost calculations: annual cost of water and sewage charge with total and broken down for sinks, toilets and urinals
- c. one time cost of retrofit – fixtures and labor costs.
- d. retrofit savings in terms of annual water volume saved, and water and sewage costs saved, payback period and cost per 1000 gallons of water saved.

Each analysis section should have its own summary table (See Koefoed lighting report for examples of tables). Place all your tables in the appendix but reference them by number (e.g. (See Table 2) in the text. You should be able read your report and understand it without looking at the tables. Put another way, you have to tell the reader the “story,” the tables do not tell the story.

The recommendations section gives your recommendations to SF State Facilities on bathroom retrofits you think the school should do in your building **and why**. Use a summary table for all your alternatives which shows for each total costs, annual water savings in gallons, annual money savings (on water plus sewage), cost per 1000 gallons of water saved, and payback period.

Final reports should be 4 to 6 pages in length (12 point type, double spaced, 1 inch margins all around), not including references cited and the tables appendix.

Part of the grading will be on appearance. Start with the word template used for the lighting assignment and make up your own style by at a minimum changing the format and graphics of the cover page, changing the format for section headings, and changing the style of the footer.

## **Additional information for analyzing building water use and retrofits.**

1. For each building where students collect data there will be an excel water use “calculator” file posted on ilearn. The calculator gives water use in sinks, urinals, and toilets in each bathroom. You will need to add calculations for building totals for various aggregations – totals and percentages by sink, urinal, and toilet, totals and percentages of the building total for the most used bathrooms, etc.
2. Assume a cost of \$5.42 per CCF for water and \$8.05 per CCF (hundred cubic feet) for sewage for the assignment. So for each gallon flushed in toilet and urinals campus has to pay both the water cost and the sewage cost. This applies to water down the drain in sinks too. Note: 1 CCF = 748.051948 US gallons. Although costs are given here based on CCF, your report should report all usage and costs based on gallons.
3. Assume urinal retrofits are done with this model. There’s a link to a spec sheet (\$279.71 per urinal, 0.13 gpf)  
[http://www.faucetdepot.com/faucetdepot/ProductDetail.asp?Product=116944&AffiliateID=GoogleDirectFeed&gclid=CjwKEAiAx4anBRDz6JLYjMDxoQYSJAA4loRmHeOf6yrrA9I5tKyGjHY4HG73wyxZ4p4RF3p\\_sfwA7hoCfz\\_w\\_wcB](http://www.faucetdepot.com/faucetdepot/ProductDetail.asp?Product=116944&AffiliateID=GoogleDirectFeed&gclid=CjwKEAiAx4anBRDz6JLYjMDxoQYSJAA4loRmHeOf6yrrA9I5tKyGjHY4HG73wyxZ4p4RF3p_sfwA7hoCfz_w_wcB)  
For labor: 4 hours per urinal, \$40 per hour
4. The retrofit model toilet (\$387 per toilet, 1.28 gpf): [http://www.sustainablesupply.com/Sloan-WETS2050-1001-High-EfficiencyToilet-1-28-GP-p/w179295.htm?gclid=CjwKEAiAx4anBRDz6JLYjMDxoQYSJAA4loRmEqmDSA9pjk0CVeYS\\_6DqV2q4fGbssBkauSzqV\\_PlpRoC7zDw\\_wcB](http://www.sustainablesupply.com/Sloan-WETS2050-1001-High-EfficiencyToilet-1-28-GP-p/w179295.htm?gclid=CjwKEAiAx4anBRDz6JLYjMDxoQYSJAA4loRmEqmDSA9pjk0CVeYS_6DqV2q4fGbssBkauSzqV_PlpRoC7zDw_wcB)  
For labor: 4 hours per toilet, \$40 per hour

## **D. Peer reviews. Due Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring TWO paper copies of your reviews to class.**

### **Instructions for peer review comments on water paper drafts**

The goals of peer reviews are two-fold. First, is to give useful feedback on the draft project report to the author to help them improve their final report. The second goal is to improve your own ability to evaluate a study, which hopefully you can then apply to your own work. The focus of your evaluation should be on the content of the study. Do NOT worry about grammar or spelling (and don’t mark up the report with grammar errors). The questions below are to help you with the evaluation. Type up about a page to page and half of comments. Write in full sentences – not just “yes/no”.

1. Introduction: Does it tell the reader fairly quickly and clearly what the study is about. Does it explain why this is something worth studying – why would we maybe want to know this. Or explain what the research is connected to – the larger context? Does the introduction xxx make use literature?

2. Methods: Could someone repeat the study based upon the information in the methods section? Does it tell the reader how water data was collected? Does it use the instructor provided paragraph to explain how water use was calculated?
3. Current water use: Does the section cover include information on water use totals and percent of building total for water use in sinks, toilets, and urinals. Does it report on what two or four bathrooms had the greatest water use?
4. Full retrofit section. Does it clearly and accurately present the costs, water savings and money savings from doing a full toilet and urinal retrofit? Does the section include a table and is the table clear and include the necessary information to understand the retrofit costs and savings? Does the text tell the full story without having to read the table? Are there any corrections you would suggest to the calculations? Does it clearly explain the make and model of the retrofit fixtures? Does it include the following information:
  - a. both current and after-retrofit annual water use, with total water use and water use broken down for sinks, urinals, toilets.
  - b. cost calculations: annual cost of water and sewage charge with total and broken down for sinks, toilets and urinals
  - c. one time cost of retrofit – fixtures and labor costs.
  - d. retrofit savings in terms of annual water volume saved, and water and sewage costs saved, payback period and cost per 1000 gallons of water saved.
5. Toilet versus urinal retrofit section: Does it clearly and accurately present the costs, water savings and money savings from doing a just toilet retrofits and just urinal retrofit? Answer all the questions for section 5 above.
6. Own retrofit section: Does it clearly and accurately present the costs, water savings and money savings from doing a some other retrofit of the authors choosing such as just toilet retrofits in the women's bathrooms or just high use bathrooms? Answer all the questions for section 5 above.
7. Recommendations. Does the section clearly give recommendations on which of retrofit the author things should be carried out at SF State and why? Does the rationale make sense? Does the section include a summary table for each retrofit option showing total costs, annual water savings in gallons, annual money savings (on water plus sewage), cost per 1000 gallons of water saved, and payback period?
8. Does the paper cite and make use of two journal, academic or government sources (not just websites)?
9. Finally, any other suggestions you might have to help the author improve their paper?

For each paper you reviewed, bring **two** copies of your answers to the questions to class on the due date – one copy for the author and one copy for the instructor.

## E. Room Assignments for data collection

The table below gives the **TWO** bathrooms where you are to carry out your assessments. Please check out these rooms ASAP and let me know if there are any problems.

| Name                | Building | Floor   | Room #                               | Gender |
|---------------------|----------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Andaluz,Al          | CCSC     | Terr    |                                      | M      |
| Andaluz,Al          | SSB      | 1st     | T0102                                | M      |
| Anderson,Lillebaek  | CCSC     | Lwr Con | <i>drew in<br/>on floor<br/>plan</i> | U      |
| Anderson,Lillebaek  | HUM      | 5th     | T0577                                | W      |
| Barraza,Edgar       | CCSC     | Plaza   | PL116                                | M      |
| Barraza,Edgar       | SSB      | 2nd     | T0201                                | M      |
| Bazan-Sakamoto,Nina | CCSC     | Lwr Con | B0125                                | W      |
| Bazan-Sakamoto,Nina | ESP      | 2nd     | T0206A                               | W      |
| Berg,Serena         | CCSC     | Lwr Con | B0125                                | W      |
| Berg,Serena         | CCSC     | Terr    | T135                                 | W      |
| Dodge,Kelly         | CCSC     | Plaza   | PL112                                | W      |
| Dodge,Kelly         | CCSC     | Terr    | T135                                 | W      |
| Evans-VanHook,Imani | CCSC     | Plaza   | PL112                                | W      |
| Evans-VanHook,Imani | CCSC     | Rec/Din | SB124                                | W      |
| Gordon,Sara         | CCSC     | Rec/Din | SB124                                | W      |
| Gordon,Sara         | ESP      | 1st     | T0103                                | W      |
| Greenlaw,Anjelica   | CCSC     | Lwr Con | <i>drew in<br/>on floor<br/>plan</i> | U      |
| Greenlaw,Anjelica   | ESP      | 1st     | T0103                                | W      |
| Hakim,Israel        | CCSC     | Plaza   | PL116                                | M      |
| Hakim,Israel        | SSB      | 1st     | T0102                                | M      |
| Hanhan,Nadeen       | ESP      | 2nd     | T0206A                               | W      |
| Hanhan,Nadeen       | ESP      | 3rd     | T0305                                | W      |
| Ibarra,Alex         | ESP      | 4th     | T0410                                | W      |
| Ibarra,Alex         | SSB      | 3rd     | T0302                                | W      |
| James,Lilly         | ESP      | 4th     | T0410                                | W      |
| James,Lilly         | SSB      | 2nd     | T0202                                | W      |
| Knapp,Shawna        | ESP      | 5th     | T0505                                | W      |
| Knapp,Shawna        | SSB      | 1st     | T0103                                | W      |
| Lopez Xochi         | ESP      | 3rd     | T0305                                | W      |
| Lopez Xochi         | ESP      | 5th     | T0505                                | W      |
| Marasovich,Gianna   | SSB      | 1st     | T0103                                | W      |
| Marasovich,Gianna   | SSB      | 2nd     | T0202                                | W      |
| Rodarte,Daniel      | CCSC     | Rec/Din | SB125                                | M      |
| Rodarte,Daniel      | SSB      | 4th     | T0401                                | M      |
| Sanchez,Alejandro   | CCSC     | Lwr Con | B0127                                | M      |
| Sanchez,Alejandro   | SSB      | 3rd     | T0301                                | M      |
| Schulman, Sam       | SSB      | 3rd     | T0302                                | W      |
| Schulman, Sam       | SSB      | 4th     | T0402                                | W      |
| Soden I,Erin        | HUM      | 1st     | T0134                                | U      |
| Soden I,Erin        | SSB      | 4th     | T0402                                | W      |
| Standridge,Rebecca  | BUS      | 3rd     | T0332                                | W      |
| Standridge,Rebecca  | HUM      | 1st     | T0134                                | U      |
| Wong,Veronica       | BUS      | 3rd     | T0332                                | W      |
| Wong,Veronica       | HH       | 3rd     | T0314                                | W      |

## F. Report building assignments

The table below gives the building for which you are to write your final report.

| First     | Last           | Building Assignment       |
|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Al        | Andaluz        | Business                  |
| Lillebaek | Anderson       | SSB                       |
| Edgar     | Barraza        | HSS                       |
| Nina      | Bazan-Sakamoto | CSSC                      |
| Serena    | Berg           | Ethnic Studies/Psychology |
| Kelly     | Dodge          | SSB                       |
| Imani     | Evans-VanHook  | Business                  |
| Sara      | Gordon         | Hensil Hall               |
| Anjelica  | Greenlaw       | CSSC                      |
| Israel    | Hakim          | Hensil Hall               |
| Nadeen    | Hanhan         | SSB                       |
| Alexandra | Ibarra         | CSSC                      |
| Elizabeth | James          | Ethnic Studies/Psychology |
| Shawna    | Knapp          | SSB                       |
| Xochitl   | Lopez-Torres   | Humanities                |
| Gianna    | Marasovich     | HSS                       |
| Miriam    | Palma          | Humanities                |
| Daniel    | Rodarte        | Fine Arts                 |
| Alejandro | Sanchez        | CSSC                      |
| Sam       | Schulman       | Humanities                |
| Erin      | Soden          | Thornton Hall             |
| Rebecca   | Standridge     | Thornton Hall             |
| Veronica  | Wong           | Ethnic Studies/Psychology |

## G. Basic steps in using the water use calculator and class survey data (May be updated for Fall 2016)

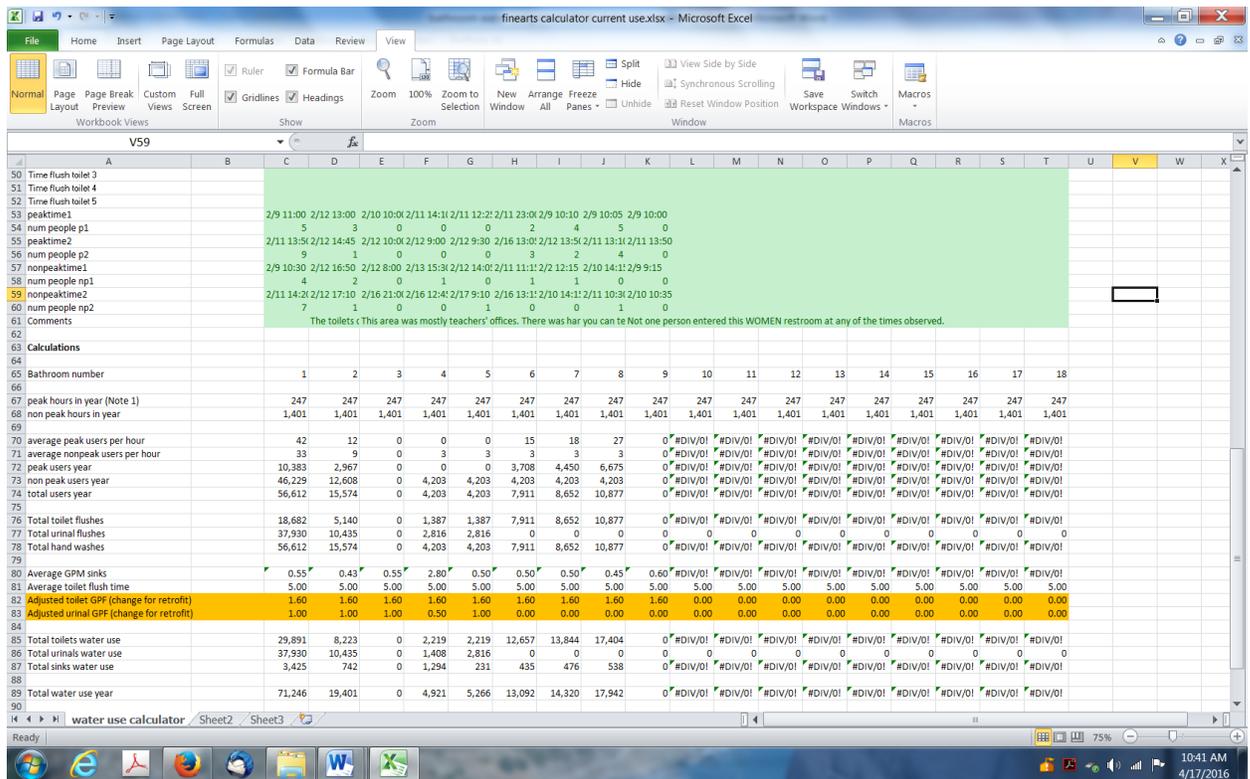
1. Download from ilearn assignment/bathroom water section two spreadsheets: bathroom water use calculator v3.3.xlxs, and the bathroom survey data sp15 f16 to students.xlxs.
2. Make a copy of the calculator spreadsheet and name it for your building and “current use”. For example “finearts calculate current use.xlxs”.
3. Move data for your building into your current use calculator spreadsheet as follows:

Open your calculate current use spreadsheet and the bathroom survey data spreadsheet. Find the columns of data for your assigned building in the bathroom survey data spreadsheet (e.g. Fine Arts data in columns BO to BW, rows 4 to 33). Copy the data for your building, and paste it (use paste special and paste only values) into your calculate current use spreadsheet in the upper right corner of the light green area (cell C32).

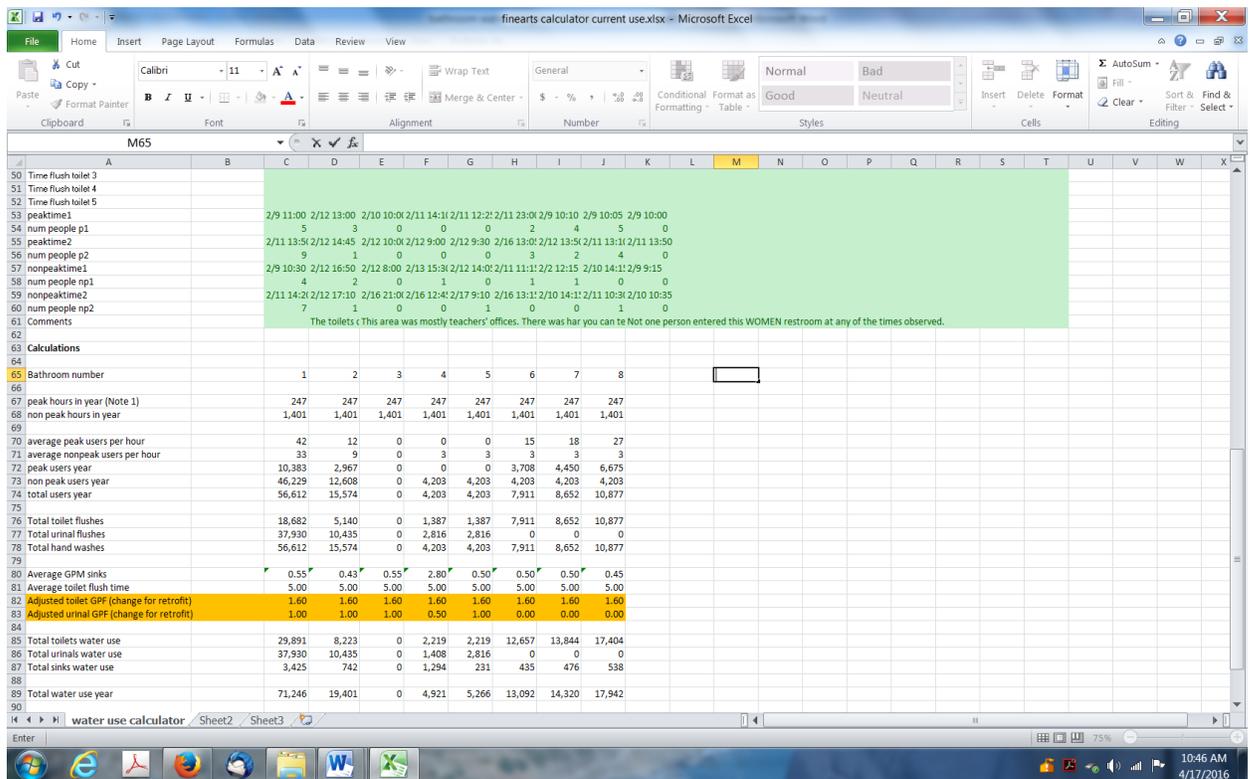
4. Check that the data you pasted lines up correctly with the names in column A. Your spreadsheet should look like this:

|                         | 1        | 2        | 3           | 4        | 5             | 6        | 7        | 8         | 9              | 10        | 11        | 12        | 13     | 14       |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 32 Building             | Business | Business | Business    | Business | Business      | Business | Business | Business  | Business       | CCSC      | CCSC      | CCSC      | CCSC   | CCSC     |
| 33 Floor                | 1        | 1        | 1           | 1        | 1             | 2        | 2        | 3         | 3              | Lower Cor | Lower Cor | Lower Cor | Plaza  | Plaza    |
| 34 Room                 | T-103    | t139     | T0142       | T0100    | T0224         | T0231    | T0334    |           |                | B0127     | B0127     | U         | PL112  | PL112    |
| 35 Gender (MEN,WOMEN)   | MEN      | WOMEN    | WOMEN       | WOMEN    | MEN           | WOMEN    | MEN      | WOMEN     | MEN            | WOMEN     | WOMEN     | WOMEN     | MEN    | MEN      |
| 36 Num toilets          | 4        | 6        | 2           | 2        | 1             | 1        | 3        | 1         | 1              | 10        | 10        | 1         | 7      | 4        |
| 37 Num urinals          | 5        |          |             |          | 2             | 2        |          | 1         | 1              | 4         |           |           | 3      | 1        |
| 38 Num sinks            | 4        | 4        | 1           | 1        | 1             | 2        | 1        | 1         | 1              | 4         | 4         | 1         | 4      | 4        |
| 39 GPM sink 1           | 0.6      | 0.5      | 0.5         | 0.6      | 0.5           | 0.5      | 0.53     | 0.53      |                | 1.5       | 1.5       | 1.5       | 3.2    | 3.2      |
| 40 GPM sink 2           | 0.5      | 0.5      |             |          |               |          |          |           |                | 1.35      | 1.35      |           | 2.4    | 2.4      |
| 41 GPM sink 3           | 0.5      | 0.5      |             |          |               |          |          |           |                | 1.5       | 1.5       |           | 4      | 4        |
| 42 GPM sink 4           | 0.6      | 0.5      |             |          |               |          |          |           |                | 1.4       | 1.4       |           | 2.1    | 2.1      |
| 43 GPM sink 5           |          |          |             |          |               |          |          |           |                | 1.5       | 1.5       |           | 2      | 2        |
| 44 GPF toilets          | 1.6      | 1.6      | 1.6         | 1.6      | 1.6           | 1.6      | 1.6      | 1.6       | 1.6            | 1.28      | 1.28      | 1.6       | 1.6    | 1.6      |
| 45 GPF urinals          | 1        |          |             |          | 1             | 1        |          | 1         |                | 1         |           |           | 1      | 1        |
| 46 Manufacturer toilets | kohler   | American | St American | 'Kohler  | sloan, kohl   | Kohler   | American | 'American | 'Sloan         | Sloan     | American  | 'Kohler   | Kohler | American |
| 47 Manufacturer urinals | kohler   | kohler   |             | Kohler   | sloan, kohler |          | American | 'American | 'Sloan, Kohler |           |           |           | Kohler | American |
| 48 Time flush toilet 1  | 7        | 4        | 5.73        | 5.25     | 6.75          | 6.43     | 9.88     | 9.88      |                | 11        | 11        | 5.54      | 4.3    | 4.3      |
| 49 Time flush toilet 2  | 3        | 5        | 4           |          |               | 5.5      |          |           |                | 10        | 10        |           | 5.7    | 5.7      |
| 50 Time flush toilet 3  | 3        | 5        |             |          |               | 4.95     |          |           |                | 11        | 11        |           | 11     | 11       |
| 51 Time flush toilet 4  | 3        | 4        |             |          |               |          |          |           |                | 11        | 11        |           | 6      | 6        |

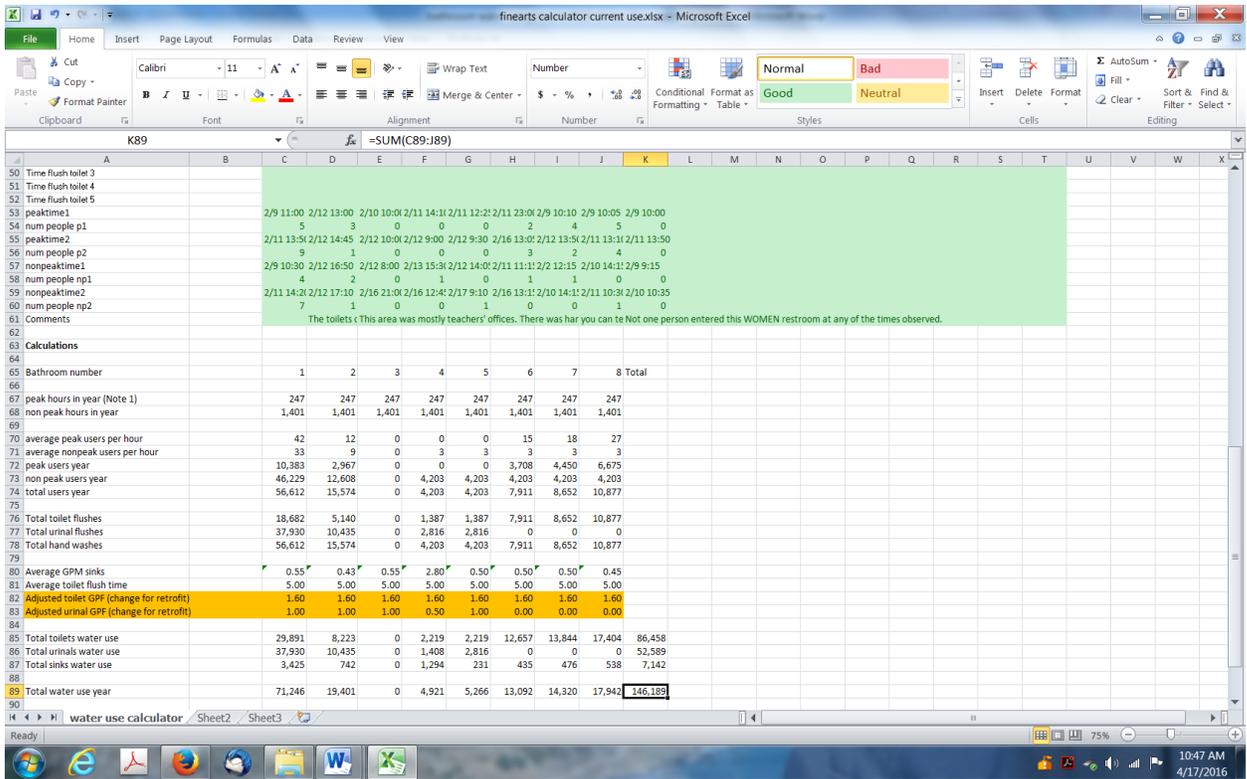
5. The calculator will calculate for you total water use in toilets, urinals, and sinks for each bathroom (rows 85 to 89)
6. To the right of all the bathroom by bathroom totals you can calculate building total water use. You may have to first erase formulas in the calculations row for columns that don't have bathroom data. For example the calculator has formulas built in for 18 bathrooms, if your building has only 8 bathrooms in columns C through J, then there will be a bunch of mess (zeros and #DIV/O!) in the column K through T, rows 67 to 89. You can clear this. For example here is the spreadsheet before clearing the unused formulas:



And here is the spreadsheet after clearing the unused formulas by selecting the cells M65:T89 and then using “clear/all” from the home menu:



- To calculate total water use you can use the =Sum(range) formula in excel. For example if you building has 8 bathrooms so you are using cell k89 to calculate total building water use the formula would be =sum(c89:j89)



- Once you have calculated total building water use, and separate totals for toilets, urinals and sinks, save and close your spreadsheet.
- Lets calculate water use for a toilets and urinals retrofit. To analyze water use after a retrofit make a copy of your calculate current use spreadsheet and call it buidlingname calculate retrofit name – for example “finearts calculate toilet urinal retrofit.xlsx”

Open the retrofit spreadsheet. You can simulate a toilet or urinal retrofit by changing the gallons per flush values in rows 82 and 83. For example to make all the toilets 1.28 GPF just enter 1.28 in all the cells in row 82. Once you do this the calculator will recalculate all the individual bathroom water use totals and the full building totals.

- Now you are ready to analyze water savings and the finances of a retrofit. Make a spreadsheet like you did for the lighting report but this time for water. We did this in class – see the file “Example bathroom retrofit analysis” on ilearn (assignment/bathroom water section) for a picture of an example spreadsheet. You can enter the total water use numbers for toilets, urinals and sinks from calculate current use spreadsheet, and from your calculate retrofit spreadsheet.
- To figure out the cost of the retrofit you will need to know the total number of toilets or urinals to be replaced. You can find that in rows 36 and 37 of the calculate current use spreadsheet.

## F. Instructor provided language for the methods section of building water reports

Write your own paragraph on how data on sink GPM, toilets and urinals GPF, and flush times were collected.

And use the following two paragraphs in your report:

Bathroom usage was measured as the number of people entering the bathroom in four five minute periods. Two of the periods were during “peak time” between classes on Monday-Thursday, between 11am and 3pm. Peak times on Monday and Wednesday are the first ten minutes after the hour: 10-10:10, 11-11:10, 12-12:10, 1:00-1:10 and 2:00-2:10. On Tuesday and Thursday peak times are 9:50-10, 10:50-11, 12:15-12:35, and 1:50-2:10. Two counts were in “non-peak time” Monday-Thursday, between 10am and 3pm and at any times at least five minutes after or before peak times. For each bathroom one of the peak and one of the non-peak time counts was in the morning and one in the afternoon.

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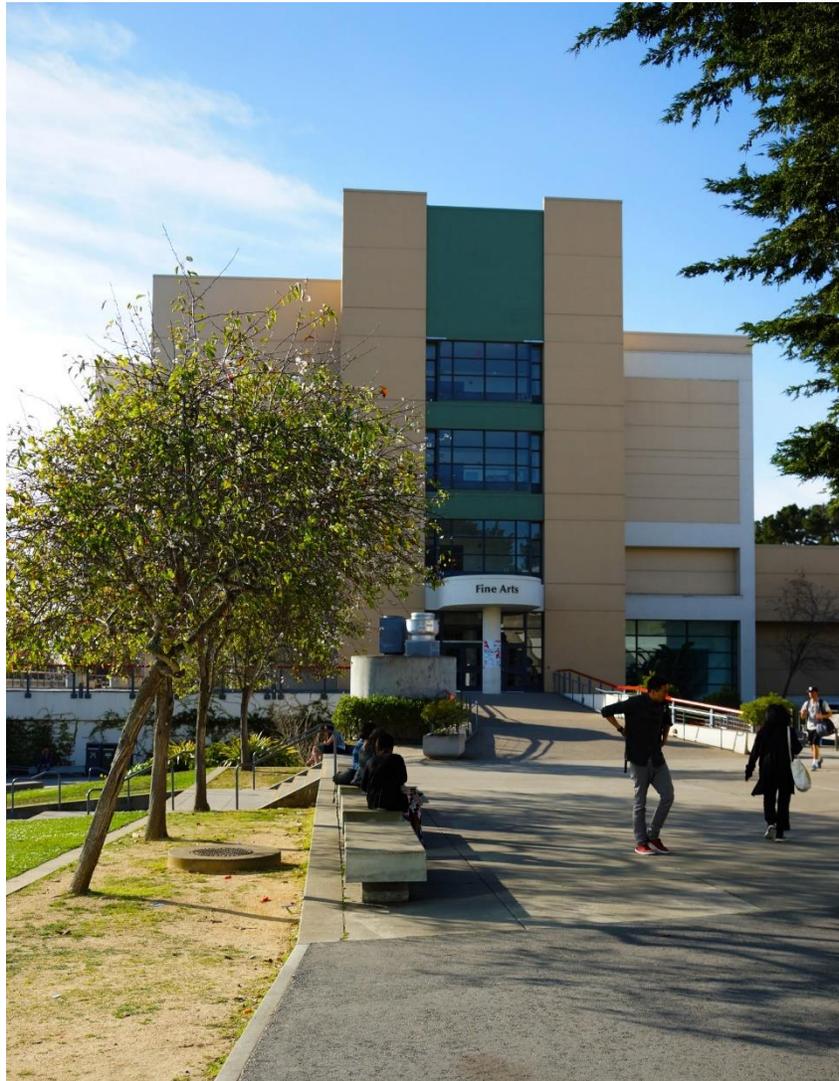
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# San Francisco State University

## 2016 Bathroom Water Survey

### Fine Arts Building



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## Introduction

In 2013-2014 San Francisco State University used around 80 million gallons of water, and a vast amount of the annual water usage is in restrooms. According to the EPA (2016) bathrooms are the largest source of the average American's water use, and in schools 45% of water use is from restrooms. This report will examine the current state of restrooms in the Fine Arts Building at SFSU and will provide several retrofit scenarios and benefits. Switching from higher volume old toilets to new 1.28 gallons per flush toilets can save a school about 15% in water use (Center for Environmental Education, 2008), which not only reduces the amount of water purchased, but reduces the amount of sewage the school has to pay for.

A case study, performed by the EPA, of the Holiday Inn San Antonio International Airport Hotel in Texas showed that after the hotel switched around 400 high-flow toilets to low-flow (1.1 GPF), they saved around \$68,000 a year and 7 million gallons of water (EPA, 2014). Closer to home, in 2014 CSU East Bay published a Water Conservation plan that featured current projects taking place, one of which was retrofitting their bathrooms with 1.28 GPF toilets in five of their highest used buildings, and plan to keep replacing old toilets with low-flow (López-Muñoz, T. Evelyn et al., 2014). Additionally, CSU Channel Islands has retrofitted all their bathrooms with low-flow 1.6 GPF and 1.28 GPF toilets and 99% of their urinals are water free because they are very committed to meeting the mandated state water reduction (Barsley, Colleen et al., 2015). Retrofitting bathrooms with low-flow toilets is not a new phenomenon, all over the state and country people are replacing toilets with the lowest water use models they can find, partly to save money and partly because of our need to reduce our water use.

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## Methods

In the Fine Arts Building I collected my data in the Men and Women's bathrooms by first looking at the toilet and urinal fixture brands and GPF, if listed. Starting with the toilet farthest to the left, I marked this as toilet 1 and worked right, and timed how long the toilet flushed from the moment I pushed the handle to when water began to flow back into the toilet. I did this three times per toilet, recording all times and after averaging each toilet flush time. I did the same for the urinals, the farthest to the left was urinal 1 and worked right, and assumed that each urinal flushed one gallon per flush. To measure the sinks' GPM I also made the sink farthest to the left sink 1 and worked right. I had a flow rate bag that I put over the sink nozzle and for 5 seconds I turned the sink faucet on full flow speed and did this three times per sink, averaging each sink time after.

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## **Current Water Use**

There are currently 8 bathrooms, 2 on each floor, with one male and one female in the Fine Arts Building. The total water use for this building is around 272,664 gallons per year, 215,086 gallons from toilets (79%), 49,856 gallons from urinals (18%), and 7,722 gallons from sinks (3%). This large amount of water use is partly from most of the toilets flushing longer than normal, ranging from 7 seconds to 15 seconds. The men's bathroom on Floor 2 is using more

water than it should for how little volume it receives because the toilet flushes for 15 seconds and could easily be adjusted. The same goes for both men and women's bathrooms on floors 3 and 4 which also receives lighter traffic but all toilets are flushing 8-9 seconds per flush. The two bathrooms that have the highest use in the building are the men and women's bathroom on Floor 1. These bathrooms have an average peak user per hour of 24 men and 30 women and non-peak user times of 18 (men) and 9 (women), using about 16% of building water use 44,490 gallons per year (men) and 15% of building water use 41,652 gallons per year (women).

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## **Full Retrofit**

A possible retrofit for this building would be to do a full fixture retrofit of all the toilets and urinals with the low-flow Sloan 1.28 GPF toilet and the Sloan .13 GPF urinal (see Table 1). Currently the building uses 272,664 gallons of water per year but a full retrofit would drop the usage down to 127,591 gallons per year, which is 47% less water used. The annual cost of the total current water use is \$4,913, \$1,979 for water and \$2,315 for sewage and with the retrofit would decrease to \$2,299 total water use cost, with \$926 from water and \$1,373 from sewage. The toilet water usage would decrease from 215,086 gallons to 113,388 gallons and would take the total cost of toilet water from \$3,876 to \$2,043, with water cost moving from \$1,561 to \$823 and sewage cost from \$2,315 to \$1,220. The urinals drastically decrease in water use and cost when doing the retrofit: currently 49,856 gallons costing \$898 total, \$362 water and \$537 sewage, and dropping to 6,481 gallons costing only \$117 total with \$47 for water and \$70 for sewage. The sinks would not be retrofitted and usage would remain at 7,722 gallons annually costing \$139 total with \$56 in water and \$83 for sewage.

The one time retrofit cost would be \$15,269, with \$6,840 in labor cost and \$8,429 in fixture cost. The retrofit would annually save 145,073 gallons of water saving \$1,053 in water cost and \$1,561 in sewage cost (\$2,614 total). The project would take around 6 years to pay back but would have a moderate cost of \$105 dollars per 1000 gallons of water saved.

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## **Toilet vs Urinal Retrofit**

Another possible retrofit would be to either replace all the toilets in the building, or replace all the urinals. Looking at replacing all the toilets first (see Table 2), we once again go back to our current total annual water use of 272,664 gallons which with the new Sloan 1.28 GPF toilets would be reduced to 170,966 gallons per year. The cost would drop from \$4,961 total (\$1,979 for water and \$2,315 for sewage) to \$3,081 total cost of water (\$1,241 for water and \$1,840 for sewage). The Sloan toilets would only be using 113,388 gallons of water (215,086 current) costing \$2,043 total, with water cost dropping to \$823 and sewage cost dropping to \$1,220. The urinals would still be using the current amount of water, 49,856 gallons per year costing \$898, water costing \$362 and sewage costing \$537. The sinks would also remain the same at 7,722 gallons annually costing \$139 total with \$56 in water and \$83 for sewage. The one time retrofit would cost \$11,752, \$6,192 in fixtures and \$5,560 for labor costs. It would save 101,698 gallons annually and saving a total of \$1,833 in water cost, \$738 in water cost and \$1,094 in sewage cost. This retrofit would pay itself back in 6 years and would only cost \$116 dollars per 1000 gallons of water saved annually.

The other possibility is only replacing the urinals with the Sloan .13 GPF urinals (see Table 3). Switching to this new model would reduce total water use of the building from 272,664 to 229,289 gallons annually and would cost \$4,132, (\$1,664 in water and \$2,467 for sewage)

instead of \$4,961 total (\$1,979 for water and \$2,315 for sewage). The Sloan urinals would be using considerably less water (6,481 gallons) than previously (49,856 gallons) and would cost \$117 for total water use, \$47 for water and \$70 for sewage, rather than \$898 total (\$362 water and \$537 sewage). While the Sloan urinals would be saving a large amount of water, the toilets would stay the same and would be using 215,086 gallons a year, costing \$3,876 total and \$1,561 for water and \$2,315 for sewage. The sinks, again, would remain the same at 7,722 gallons annually costing \$139 total with \$56 in water and \$83 for sewage. The urinal retrofit cost would be cheaper than the toilet retrofit because it would be \$3,517 total with \$2,237 for fixtures and \$1,280 in labor costs. This makes the payback time faster, 4 years, and also decreasing the cost per 1000 gallons used to \$81 but only saves 43,375 gallons of water a year.

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## **Alternative Retrofit**

An alternative retrofit to the previous possibilities would be to only retrofit the first floor bathrooms of the Fine Arts Building (see Table 4) because of the higher traffic compared with the rest of the building. These bathrooms have an average peak user per hour of 24 men and 30 women and non-peak user times of 18 (men) and 9 (women), using about 16% of building water use 44,490 gallons per year (men) and 15% of building water use 41,652 gallons per year (women). This would mean retrofitting both the men and women's bathrooms with Sloan 1.28 GPF toilets and Sloan .13 GPF urinals.

Looking at the first floor bathrooms currently, they use a total of 86,141 gallons annually (\$1,552 in cost), 62,468 gallons from toilets (\$1126), 20,870 gallons from urinals (\$376), and 2,803 gallons from sinks (\$51). Using the new models, the water use and cost would decrease by over 50% to 44,304 gallons per year, costing \$798. Toilet water use would decrease to 38,788

gallons costing \$699 annually (\$282 for water, \$417 for sewage), urinal water use would drastically decrease to 2,713 gallons costing only \$49 (\$20 for water, \$29 for sewage), but sinks would be left the same at 2,803 gallons costing \$51 (\$20 for water, \$30 for sewage). The total cost for retrofitting would be \$2,747, \$2,107 for fixtures and \$640 for labor and would be paid back in 4 years. The project would save 41,837 gallons of water annually and would only cost \$66 for every 1000 gallons of water saved.

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## **Recommendations**

The retrofit that I suggest for Facilities to perform on the Fine Arts Building is the Alternative Retrofit (see Table 4) with maintenance to the other toilets in the building. While a full retrofit would best, I think that because these two bathrooms receive such a higher amount of traffic than the rest that just these two should be retrofitted. The other bathrooms in the building only have high usage because their flush times are too high, and with adjustments to this I think their water use will drastically decrease and become more normal.

This retrofit option saves almost as much as replacing all the urinals in the building, 41,837 gallons for Floor 1 vs 43,375 gallons for full urinal retrofit, but is cheaper upfront (\$2,474 vs \$3,517) and has a lower cost per 1000 gallons of water saved. This savings of retrofitting Floor 1 also does not factor in maintenance of the rest of the building fixtures which would then make this retrofit save even more water and money annually than full urinal retrofit. Looking at the dynamics of the building use and the data gathered I believe that only a Floor 1 total bathroom retrofit would be sufficient in saving money and water, as long as other toilets are maintained properly in the rest of the Fine Arts Building.

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# Appendix

**Table 1**

| Summary Table of Full Retrofit |     |                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
|                                |     | <b>Current</b> | <b>Retrofit</b> |
| Total Annual Cost              |     | \$4,913        | \$2,299         |
| Total Toilet Cost              |     | \$3,876        | \$2,043         |
| Total Urinal Cost              |     | \$898          | \$117           |
| Total Sink Cost                |     | \$139          | \$139           |
| Annual Water Savings (gallons) | n/a |                | 145,073         |
| Annual Money Savings Water     | n/a |                | \$2,614         |
| Cost per 1000 gallons saved    | n/a |                | \$105           |
| Payback Period (years)         | n/a |                | 6               |

**Table 2**

| Summary Table of Toilet Retrofit |     |                |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
|                                  |     | <b>Current</b> | <b>Retrofit</b> |
| Total Annual Cost                |     | \$4,913        | \$3,081         |
| Total Toilet Cost                |     | \$3,876        | \$2,043         |
| Total Urinal Cost                |     | \$898          | \$898           |
| Total Sink Cost                  |     | \$139          | \$139           |
| Annual Water Savings (gallons)   | n/a |                | 101,698         |
| Annual Money Savings Water       | n/a |                | \$1,833         |
| Cost per 1000 gallons saved      | n/a |                | \$116           |
| Payback Period (years)           | n/a |                | 6               |

**Table 3**

| Summary Table of Urinal Retrofit |     |                |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
|                                  |     | <b>Current</b> | <b>Retrofit</b> |
| Total Annual Cost                |     | \$4,913        | \$4,132         |
| Total Toilet Cost                |     | \$3,876        | \$3,876         |
| Total Urinal Cost                |     | \$898          | \$117           |
| Total Sink Cost                  |     | \$139          | \$139           |
| Annual Water Savings (gallons)   | n/a |                | 43,375          |
| Annual Money Savings Water       | n/a |                | \$782           |
| Cost per 1000 gallons saved      | n/a |                | \$81            |
| Payback Period (years)           | n/a |                | 4               |

**Table 4**

| Summary Table of Alternative Retrofit |     |                |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
|                                       |     | <b>Current</b> | <b>Retrofit</b> |
| Total Annual Cost                     |     | \$1,552        | \$789           |
| Total Toilet Cost                     |     | \$1,126        | \$699           |
| Total Urinal Cost                     |     | \$376          | \$49            |
| Total Sink Cost                       |     | \$51           | \$51            |
| Annual Water Savings (gallons)        | n/a |                | 41,837          |
| Annual Money Savings Water            | n/a |                | \$754           |
| Cost per 1000 gallons saved           | n/a |                | \$66            |
| Payback Period (years)                | n/a |                | 4               |

## Complete Data Set

| <b>Water Calculations Current vs Retrofit</b>         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Assumptions</b>                                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Descriptions</b>                                   | <b>Values</b>      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Number of Toilets                                     | 16                 |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Number of Urinals                                     | 8                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Number of Gallons per CCF                             | 748.051948         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Price per CCF of water                                | \$5.42             |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Price per CCF of Sewage                               | \$8.05             |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Price per gallon of water                             | 0.007258854        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Price per gallon of sewage                            | 0.010761285        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Price per retrofit Toilet 1.28 GPM                    | \$387              |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Labor hours to install toilet                         | 4                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Price per retrofit Urinal .13 GPM                     | \$279.71           |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Labor hours to install urinal                         | 4                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Retrofit Calculations</b>                          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|   | <b>Current use</b> | <b>Retrofit 1:</b> | <b>Retrofit 2:</b> | <b>Retrofit 3:</b> | <b>Current Use</b> | <b>Retrofit 4:</b> |
|   |                    | <b>1.28 GPM</b>    | <b>.13 GPM</b>     | <b>Urinals and</b> | <b>Floor 1</b>     | <b>Floor 1</b>     |
|   |                    | <b>Toilets</b>     | <b>Urinals</b>     | <b>Toilets</b>     | <b>Bathrooms</b>   | <b>Bathrooms</b>   |
| Annual toilet water use (gallons)                     | 215,086            | 113,388            | 215,086            | 113,388            | 62,468             | 38,788             |
| Annual urinal water use (gallons)                     | 49,856             | 49,856             | 6,481              | 6,481              | 20,870             | 2,713              |
| Annual sink water use (gallons)                       | 7,722              | 7,722              | 7,722              | 7,722              | 2,803              | 2,803              |
| Annual total water use (gallons)                      | 272,664            | 170,966            | 229,289            | 127,591            | 86,141             | 44,304             |
| Annual Water Cost Toilets                             | \$1,561            | \$823              | \$1,561            | \$823              | \$453              | \$282              |
| Annual Sewage Cost Toilets                            | \$2,315            | \$1,220            | \$2,315            | \$1,220            | \$672              | \$417              |
| Annual Total Cost Toilets                             | \$3,876            | \$2,043            | \$3,876            | \$2,043            | \$1,126            | \$699              |
| Annual Water Cost Urinals                             | \$362              | \$362              | \$47               | \$47               | \$151              | \$20               |
| Annual Sewage Cost Urinals                            | \$537              | \$537              | \$70               | \$70               | \$225              | \$29               |
| Annual Total Cost Urinals                             | \$898              | \$898              | \$117              | \$117              | \$376              | \$49               |
| Annual Water Cost Sink                                | \$56               | \$56               | \$56               | \$56               | \$20               | \$20               |
| Annual Sewage Cost Sink                               | \$83               | \$83               | \$83               | \$83               | \$30               | \$30               |
| Annual Total Cost Sink                                | \$139              | \$139              | \$139              | \$139              | \$51               | \$51               |
| Annual Water Cost                                     | \$1,979            | \$1,241            | \$1,664            | \$926              | \$625              | \$322              |
| Annual Sewage Cost                                    | \$2,934            | \$1,840            | \$2,467            | \$1,373            | \$927              | \$477              |
| Annual Total Cost                                     | \$4,913            | \$3,081            | \$4,132            | \$2,299            | \$1,552            | \$798              |
| Annual Toilet water Savings (gallons)                 | N/A                | 101,698            | 0                  | 101,698            | N/A                | 23,680             |
| Annual Urinal water Savings (gallons)                 | N/A                | 0                  | 43,375             | 43,375             | N/A                | 18,157             |
| Annual Sink water Savings (gallons)                   | N/A                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | N/A                | 0                  |
| Annual Total Water Savings                            | N/A                | 101,698            | 43,375             | 145,073            | N/A                | 41,837             |
| Annual Water Cost Savings                             | N/A                | \$738              | \$315              | \$1,053            | N/A                | \$304              |
| Annual Sewage Cost Savings                            | N/A                | \$1,094            | \$467              | \$1,561            | N/A                | \$450              |
| Annual Total Cost Savings                             | N/A                | \$1,833            | \$782              | \$2,614            | N/A                | \$754              |
| Retrofit Materials Cost                               | N/A                | \$6,192            | \$2,237            | \$8,429            | N/A                | \$2,107            |
| Labor Hours to Install Retrofit                       | N/A                | 64                 | 32                 | 96                 | N/A                | 16                 |
| Total Labor Cost                                      | N/A                | \$5,560            | \$1,280            | \$6,840            | N/A                | \$640              |
| Total Retrofit Cost                                   | N/A                | \$11,752           | \$3,517            | \$15,269           | N/A                | \$2,747            |
| Years to Pay Back (total retrofit cost/annual saving) | N/A                | 6                  | 4                  | 6                  | N/A                | 4                  |
| Cost Per 1000 Gallons Saved                           | N/A                | \$116              | \$81               | \$105              | N/A                | \$66               |

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# Student Services Building Water Report

Looking at Water Usage in Bathrooms



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## INTRODUCTION

In this water report, I am going to be analyzing three different retrofit situations that could be implemented in the Student Services building and recommend which option is the best for San Francisco State considering both water saved and the financial impacts of the project. Water conservation efforts have taken place in a wide range of campuses in California. At UCSB, the graduate students have developed a water action plan, stating “Under the guidance of the plan, UCSB has already committed \$48,000 to new water conservation measures including retrofits to inefficient bathroom fixtures and the installation of new water meters. These two projects alone are expected to provide water savings of 23 Mgal per year with a cost payback of less than one year.” (Green Building Research Center 2013) UCSB has not only committed to replacing old fixtures but improving their metering system as well. The least San Francisco State can do is retrofit inefficient fixtures in bathrooms. Water efficiency measures are also taking place at UCSF, which mainly focused on water use in labs. The best strategy that was used at UCSF was stated as, “Team members approached the project from the standpoint of both water conservation and cost savings in order to gain broad support.” (Green Building Research Center 2014) While payback period is an important factor in deciding whether SFSU moves forward with a project, we can use the water saved to rally other support such as done at UCSF. The whole goal of a retrofit should be to save water and limit our impact on the environment, especially in a state like California where drought has been so prevalent. Money saved ideally should just be a bonus to reducing San Francisco State’s water footprint.

## METHODS

Water usage in bathrooms was measured in toilets, urinals, and sinks. Toilets calculated gallons per flush was collected by flushing the toilet and recording how long it took the toilet bowl to fill with water. We collected the sink water data by filling up a flow rate bag for 5 seconds and recording the gallons per minute mark the water in the bag filled up to. We took three recordings

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for each sink and averaged these three numbers to get an overall gallons per minute flow of the sink. As for the urinals, the gallons per flush that was printed on the urinal itself was used as the actual gallon per flush rate.

Bathroom usage was measured as the number of people entering the bathroom in four five minute periods. Two of the periods were during “peak time” between classes on Monday-Thursday, between 11am and 3pm. Peak times on Monday and Wednesday are the first ten minutes after the hour: 10-10:10, 11-11:10, 12-12:10, 1:00-1:10 and 2:00-2:10. On Tuesday and Thursday peak times are 9:50-10, 10:50-11, 12:15-12:35, and 1:50-2:10. Two counts were in “non-peak time” Monday-Thursday, between 10am and 3pm and at any times at least five minutes after or before peak times. For each bathroom one of the peak and one of the non- peak time counts was in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Water use in bathrooms was calculated from student survey data using the ENVS 570 Bathroom water use calculator v3.2. As inputs the calculator used survey data on each bathroom’s faucet gallons per minute for each faucet, toilet and urinal gallons per flush for each toilet and urinal, toilet flush times, and bathroom usage. The bathroom water use calculator estimated annual bathroom water use for each bathroom based on the following assumptions. In a day there were assumed to be 1.5 hours of peak time usage and 8.5 hours of non-peak usage. Bathrooms were assumed to be used for 160 days in the Spring and Fall semesters and 50 days in Summer. Weekend and usage between spring, fall and summer sessions was not accounted for. Summer usage was scaled to Fall and Spring semester usage based on the ratio of summer full time equivalent enrollment (2,284 FTE Summer 2015) to Fall and Spring average full time equivalent enrollment (23,746 FTE 2014-15 academic year). Men using bathrooms are assumed to use the urinal 66% of the time and the toilet 34% percent. Bathroom users were assumed to wash their hands with the water on for 0.11 minutes (this average takes account of the 45% of users who are assumed not to wash hands). Water use in toilets was calculated based on the nominal gallons per

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flush for the fixture (e.g., 1.6 GPF – gallons per flush) and surveyed flush time. A toilet in good working order should flush is approximately 4 seconds. For flush times greater than 5 seconds, actual toilet GPF was calculated as nominal GPF multiplied by the ratio of measured flush time to 5 seconds. For example if the nominal GPF was 1.6 and flush time was 10 seconds then actual gallons per flush was calculated as  $1.6 \text{ GPF} \times (10 \text{ sec}/5 \text{ sec}) = 3.2 \text{ GPF}$ .

## CURRENT WATER USE

In the Student Service building there was a total of eight bathrooms, one women's and one men's for each of the four floors. Overall, this building uses 272,664 gallons of water per year. The water use breaks down into 215,086 gallons per year used in toilets, which is about 79 percent of total water use in the building. The next heaviest user of water in bathrooms was urinals that used 49,856 gallons per year, or about 18 percent of total water use in the Student Services Building. Sinks used the least amount of water with only 7,772 gallons per year, or only about 3 percent of the building's total water use.

Four out of the eight bathrooms used over 40,000 gallons of water per year, while the other four bathrooms used between 20,000-30,000 gallons of water per year. However the top two bathrooms that used the most water was the men's bathroom on the first floor and the women's bathroom on the fourth floor. The men's bathroom used about 16 percent of the total water used in the building, or 44,490 gallons a year. The toilets used 21,907 gallons a year, about 10 percent of all water used in toilets. 20,870 gallons of water was used in urinals, 41 percent of all water used in urinals. Lastly, a sinks used 1,713 gallons of water, which is 22 percent of all water used in sinks. The women's fourth floor bathroom was the second highest water user in the building, consuming 42,843 gallons per year or just under 16 percent of the total water used. The toilets in that bathrooms used 41,848 gallons of water, just about 19 percent of water used in all toilets. The sinks used 994 gallons of water per year, around 13 percent of water used in sinks in

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this building. There is no water used in urinals in this particular bathroom since it is a women's bathroom.

## FULL RETROFIT ANALYSIS

In this section we will analyze the retrofit of all toilets and urinals in all bathrooms in the Student Services Building. Annually, this building currently uses 272,664 gallons of water with 215,086 gallons, 79 percent, used by toilets, 49,856 gallons, 18 percent, by urinals, and 7,722 gallons, 3 percent, used by sinks. Currently, the bathroom has 1.6 gallons per flush models installed, but a toilet retrofit would upgrade these models to a 1.28 gallons per flush version. Men's bathroom urinals would be retrofitted so that instead of using 1 gallon per flush, they will use .18 gallons per flush.

Annually, with the retrofit, total water use would be reduced to 186,272 gallons. With 172,069 gallons used annually by toilets, or 92 percent of the total building's use, and 6,481 total gallons used by urinals, just about 3 percent of the building's water use. The gallons of water used by sinks, 7,722 gallons, is unchanged since they were not retrofitted, however now sink use makes up 4 percent of water use in the building instead of 3 percent.

With a complete retrofit of all toilets and urinals, the total cost of water is \$925, with toilets using \$822 of water, urinals \$47 of water, and sinks \$56 of water. In terms of sewage, this retrofit would have an annual cost of \$1,373. Toilets have the highest cost of sewage with \$1,220 annual cost, sinks the second highest annual cost of sewage at \$83, and the urinals \$70 of sewage. Overall, the price of water and sewage with a retrofit of all toilets and urinals would be \$2,298 annually.

The one time cost of the retrofit would be broken into two categories: labor cost and supplies cost. For the installation of a new toilet or urinal it takes approximately 4 hours each to complete, with a rate of \$40 an hour, and there is 24 toilets and urinals in the Student Services

building, or 96 hours to complete. Overall, this project would have \$3,840 in labor costs. For cost of supplies, there are two prices, one for urinals and one for toilets. Sixteen out of the twenty four fixtures in the Student Services buildings are toilets, to replace the old models with a 1.28 gpf Sloan model would cost \$387 each or \$6,192. The remaining eight urinals fixtures would be replaced by a 0.13 gpf Sloan urinals at \$279.71 each, or \$2,238, with a total supplies cost of \$8,430. Adding together the cost of the urinals, toilets, and labor, a complete retrofit of all toilets and urinals in the building would cost \$12,270.

There are a number of savings from this retrofit, first, 145,073 gallons of water would be saved from switching to more efficient toilet and urinal models. The water saved would also save money from purchasing water, \$1,051, and from sewage costs, \$1,561. The project costs the university approximately \$85 for every 1000 gallons of water saved. Considering all the costs and

Figure 1

| <b>Water Use</b> |                          | <b>Current Water Use</b> | <b>Retrofit Water Use</b> |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                  | <b>Sinks (gallons)</b>   | 7,722                    | 7,722                     |
|                  | <b>Urinals (gallons)</b> | 49,856                   | 6,481                     |
|                  | <b>Toilets (gallons)</b> | 215,086                  | 113,388                   |
|                  | <b>Total (gallons)</b>   | 272,664                  | 127,591                   |

money saved from this project, it would take just 4.7 years for the money saved to pay for the initial cost of the retrofit.

Figure 1-1

| <b>Cost of Water and Sewage With Retrofit</b> |                                       | Cost of Water | Cost of Sewage |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|   | <b>Sinks</b>                          | \$56.00       | \$83.00        |
|   | <b>Urinals</b>                        | \$47.00       | \$70.00        |
|   | <b>Toilets</b>                        | \$822.00      | \$1220.00      |
|   | <b>Total</b>                          | \$925.00      | \$1373.00      |
|   |                                       |               |                |
| <b>Cost of Retrofit</b>                       | <b>Fixtures</b>                       | \$8430.00     |                |
|   | <b>Labor</b>                          | \$3840.00     |                |
|   | <b>Total Cost</b>                     | \$12270.00    |                |
|   |                                       |               |                |
| <b>Retrofit Savings</b>                       | <b>Annual Water Savings (gallons)</b> | 145,073       |                |
|   | <b>Annual Water Cost Savings</b>      | \$1051.00     |                |
|   | <b>Annual Sewage Cost Savings</b>     | \$1561.00     |                |
|   | <b>Payback Period (years)</b>         | 4.7           |                |
|   | <b>Cost of 1000 gallons saved</b>     | \$85.00       |                |

## TOILETS VS URINALS RETROFIT ANALYSIS

Next, we will analyze only a partial retrofit of either all urinals or all toilets. Looking first at urinals, they currently use 49,856 gallons of water annually. But when retrofitted to the new 0.13 gpf Sloan model, urinals in this building would use only 6,481 gallons annually. Sink and toilet water use would remain the same, at 7,722 gallons and 215,086 respectively. Overall, prior to the retrofit this building uses 272,664 gallons of water, but after the retrofit our consumption would be cut to

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229,289 gallons. As for water cost, post retrofit urinals water use would cost \$47 and sewage only costing \$70. Toilets' cost would remain the same with water at \$1,558 and sewage at \$2,315. As would sinks' cost remain the same with \$56 for water and \$83 in sewage. In terms of cost for the retrofit, this building only has 6 urinals to be replaced with the Sloan 0.13 model, costing \$2,238 for all materials needed. Each urinal takes four hours labor, or 32 hours in total, so labor has \$1,280 in costs. The total cost of just a urinal retrofit comes to \$3,518. A urinal retrofit would save 43,375 gallons of water amounting to a \$314 annual savings in water costs and \$467 in sewage costs. With all of these annual savings, the urinal retrofit would eventually pay for itself in 4 and half years and cost \$81 for every 1000 gallons of water that was saved.

Analyzing just water use in toilets, currently, they account for 215,086 gallons of water used. When all the toilets are retrofitted to the 1.28 Sloan model, toilets water use would be reduced to 113,388 gallons of water used annually. While urinal water consumption, 49,856 gallons, and sink water consumption, 7,722 gallons, would remain the same. Overall with the toilet retrofit, water consumption would be reduced from current levels of 272,664 gallons to 170,965 gallons used annually. With just a toilet retrofit, the cost of water for toilet use annually is \$822 and the cost sewage is \$1220. Urinal water cost would remain at \$361 and sewage at \$537 and sinks water cost would also remain at \$56 and sewage at \$83. For the cost of this retrofit, 16 1.28 gpf Sloan toilets would have to be purchased at \$387 dollars each, or a total of \$6,192 for supplies. Each toilet would take four hours to replace, 64 hours total, at \$40 per hour for a total of \$2,560 for labor. All together, a toilet retrofit would cost \$8,752 with labor and supplies. However, this retrofit would save 101,698 gallons of water annually with saving \$1,239 in water costs and \$1,840 in sewage costs. With these savings, the toilet retrofit would pay for itself in 4.8 years and costs \$86 for every 1,000 gallons of water saved.

Figure 2  
(Urinal Retrofit)

| <b>Water Use</b>                              |                                | <b>Current Water Use</b> | <b>Retrofit Water Use</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Sinks (gallons)                | 7,722                    | 7,722                     |
|   | Urinals (gallons)              | 49,856                   | 6,481                     |
|   | Toilets (gallons)              | 215,086                  | 215,086                   |
|   | Total (gallons)                | 272,664                  | 229,289                   |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Water and Sewage With Retrofit</b> |                                | <b>Cost of Water</b>     | <b>Cost of Sewage</b>     |
|   | Sinks                          | \$56.00                  | \$83.00                   |
|   | Urinals                        | \$47.00                  | \$70.00                   |
|   | Toilets                        | \$1558.00                | \$2315.00                 |
|   | Total                          | \$1661.00                | \$2468.00                 |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Retrofit</b>                       | Fixtures                       | \$2238.00                |                           |
|   | Labor                          | \$1280.00                |                           |
|   | Total Cost                     | \$3518.00                |                           |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Retrofit Savings</b>                       | Annual Water Savings (gallons) | 43,375                   |                           |
|   | Annual Water Cost Savings      | \$314.00                 |                           |
|   | Annual Sewage Cost Savings     | \$467.00                 |                           |
|   | Payback Period (years)         | 4.5                      |                           |
|   | Cost of 1000 gallons saved     | \$81.00                  |                           |

Figure 2-1  
(Toilet Retrofit)

| <b>Water Use</b>                              |                                | <b>Current Water Use</b> | <b>Retrofit Water Use</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Sinks (gallons)                | 7,722                    | 7,722                     |
|   | Urinals (gallons)              | 49,856                   | 49,856                    |
|   | Toilets (gallons)              | 215,086                  | 113,388                   |
|   | Total (gallons)                | 272,664                  | 170,965                   |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Water and Sewage With Retrofit</b> |                                | <b>Cost of Water</b>     | <b>Cost of Sewage</b>     |
|   | Sinks                          | \$56.00                  | \$83.00                   |
|   | Urinals                        | \$361.00                 | \$537.00                  |
|   | Toilets                        | \$822.00                 | \$1220.00                 |
|   | Total                          | \$1239.00                | \$1840.00                 |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Retrofit</b>                       | Fixtures                       | \$6192.00                |                           |
|   | Labor                          | \$2560.00                |                           |
|   | Total Cost                     | \$8752.00                |                           |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Retrofit Savings</b>                       | Annual Water Savings (gallons) | 101,698                  |                           |
|   | Annual Water Cost Savings      | \$737.00                 |                           |
|   | Annual Sewage Cost Savings     | \$1094.00                |                           |
|   | Payback Period (years)         | 4.8                      |                           |
|   | Cost of 1000 gallons saved     | \$86.00                  |                           |

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## ALTERNATIVE RETROFITS ANALYSIS

In this section, we will analyze an alternative retrofit of replacing all toilets and urinals in the top four water use bathrooms in the Student Services building, including bathrooms T0102, T0103, T302, and T402. Three out of four of these bathrooms are women's bathrooms so there would be a total of 10 toilets for replacement and only two urinals being replaced. First analyzing current annual water use in this building, 272,664 gallons were used, but after we conduct this retrofit we would use 190,878 gallons of water annually. Post retrofit water use would be broken down into 7,722 gallons for sinks, 31,699 gallons for urinals, and 151,457 gallons for toilets. The total cost of water would be reduced to \$1,383 and sewage to \$2,054 for a total of \$3,437 for water and sewage a year. Sinks would account for \$56 in water and \$83 in sewage, toilets for \$1,097 in water and \$1,630 in sewage, and urinals for \$230 in water and \$341 in sewage after the retrofit was completed.

In terms of supplies cost, we would have to purchase 10 Sloan toilets at \$387 each for a total of \$3,870. However this retrofit would only require two new urinals at \$279.71 each, or \$559.42 total. All together, supplies for the retrofit would cost \$4,429. With 12 fixtures to replace at 4 hours each, it would take a total of 48 hours. With labor costs at \$40 per hour, total labor for this project would cost \$1,920. All together this retrofit project would have a one time cost of \$6,349. But in terms of savings, SFSU would save 81,786 gallons of water per year. This amount of water saved would translate into \$593 savings in purchased water and a \$880 savings in sewage. These savings would create the shortest payback period of 4.3 years and only costs the school \$76 for every 1000 gallons saved.

Figure 3

| <b>Water Use</b>                              |                                | <b>Current Water Use</b> | <b>Retrofit Water Use</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Sinks (gallons)                | 7,722                    | 7,722                     |
|   | Urinals (gallons)              | 49,856                   | 49,856                    |
|   | Toilets (gallons)              | 215,086                  | 113,388                   |
|   | Total (gallons)                | 272,664                  | 170,965                   |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Water and Sewage With Retrofit</b> |                                | <b>Cost of Water</b>     | <b>Cost of Sewage</b>     |
|   | Sinks                          | \$56.00                  | \$83.00                   |
|   | Urinals                        | \$361.00                 | \$537.00                  |
|   | Toilets                        | \$822.00                 | \$1220.00                 |
|   | Total                          | \$1239.00                | \$1840.00                 |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Retrofit</b>                       | Fixtures                       | \$6192.00                |                           |
|   | Labor                          | \$2560.00                |                           |
|   | Total Cost                     | \$8752.00                |                           |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Retrofit Savings</b>                       | Annual Water Savings (gallons) | 81,786                   |                           |
|   | Annual Water Cost Savings      | \$1,383                  |                           |
|   | Annual Sewage Cost Savings     | \$2054                   |                           |
|   | Payback Period (years)         | 4.3                      |                           |
|   | Cost of 1000 gallons saved     | \$78                     |                           |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Taking into account all the different options of possible retrofits that could be completed in the Student Services building, I recommend that SFSU moves forward with a complete retrofit of all toilets and urinals. Payback period was not a heavily weighed factor in my decision process because all three of the retrofit projects analyzed above were only months apart. As for the cost of 1,000 gallons saved, a full retrofit had the second highest dollar amount at \$85 (figure 1-1), with just a toilet retrofit being the most expensive per 1,000 gallons saved at \$86 (figure 2-1). In my opinion, a urinal and toilet is the best retrofit option because saves the most water, 145,073 gallons according to figure 1-1. Completing urinal and toilet retrofits in the Student Services building can become much more costly, and least effective in saving water, if done in steps. A retrofit of urinals and toilets will result in the most water saved and cost of sewage and water saved resulting in the highest amount of money saved when completed together, simultaneously.

Figure 4

| Water Use                          | Toilet and Urinal Retrofit | Urinal Retrofit | Toilet Retrofit | Alternative Retrofit |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Cost</b>                  | \$12270.00                 | \$3518.00       | \$8752.00       | \$6349.00            |
| <b>Annual Water Savings</b>        | \$1051.00                  | \$314.00        | \$737.00        | \$593.00             |
| <b>Annual Sewage Savings</b>       | \$1561.00                  | \$467.00        | \$1094.00       | \$880.00             |
| <b>Total Annual Savings</b>        | \$2612.00                  | \$781.00        | \$1831.00       | \$1473.00            |
| <b>Cost per 1000 gallons saved</b> | \$85.00                    | \$81.00         | \$86.00         | \$76.00              |
| <b>Payback Period</b>              | 4.7                        | 4.5             | 4.8             | 4.3                  |

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# APPENDIX

Figure 1

| <b>Water Use</b> |                          | <b>Current Water Use</b> | <b>Retrofit Water Use</b> |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                  | <b>Sinks (gallons)</b>   | 7,722                    | 7,722                     |
|                  | <b>Urinals (gallons)</b> | 49,856                   | 6,481                     |
|                  | <b>Toilets (gallons)</b> | 215,086                  | 113,388                   |
|                  | <b>Total (gallons)</b>   | 272,664                  | 127,591                   |

Figure 1-1

| <b>Cost of Water and Sewage With Retrofit</b> |                                       | <b>Cost of Water</b> | <b>Cost of Sewage</b> |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>Sinks</b>                          | \$56.00              | \$83.00               |
|   | <b>Urinals</b>                        | \$47.00              | \$70.00               |
|   | <b>Toilets</b>                        | \$822.00             | \$1220.00             |
|   | <b>Total</b>                          | \$925.00             | \$1373.00             |
|   |                                       |                      |                       |
| <b>Cost of Retrofit</b>                       | <b>Fixtures</b>                       | \$8430.00            |                       |
|   | <b>Labor</b>                          | \$3840.00            |                       |
|   | <b>Total Cost</b>                     | \$12270.00           |                       |
|   |                                       |                      |                       |
| <b>Retrofit Savings</b>                       | <b>Annual Water Savings (gallons)</b> | 145,073              |                       |
|   | <b>Annual Water Cost Savings</b>      | \$1051.00            |                       |
|   | <b>Annual Sewage Cost Savings</b>     | \$1561.00            |                       |
|   | <b>Payback Period (years)</b>         | 4.7                  |                       |
|   | <b>Cost of 1000 gallons saved</b>     | \$85.00              |                       |

Figure 2  
(Urinal Retrofit)

| <b>Water Use</b>                              |                                | <b>Current Water Use</b> | <b>Retrofit Water Use</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Sinks (gallons)                | 7,722                    | 7,722                     |
|   | Urinals (gallons)              | 49,856                   | 6,481                     |
|   | Toilets (gallons)              | 215,086                  | 215,086                   |
|   | Total (gallons)                | 272,664                  | 229,289                   |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Water and Sewage With Retrofit</b> |                                | <b>Cost of Water</b>     | <b>Cost of Sewage</b>     |
|   | Sinks                          | \$56.00                  | \$83.00                   |
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|   | Toilets                        | \$1558.00                | \$2315.00                 |
|   | Total                          | \$1661.00                | \$2468.00                 |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Retrofit</b>                       | Fixtures                       | \$2238.00                |                           |
|   | Labor                          | \$1280.00                |                           |
|   | Total Cost                     | \$3518.00                |                           |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Retrofit Savings</b>                       | Annual Water Savings (gallons) | 43,375                   |                           |
|   | Annual Water Cost Savings      | \$314.00                 |                           |
|   | Annual Sewage Cost Savings     | \$467.00                 |                           |
|   | Payback Period (years)         | 4.5                      |                           |
|   | Cost of 1000 gallons saved     | \$81.00                  |                           |

Figure 2-1  
(Toilet Retrofit)

| <b>Water Use</b>                              |                                | <b>Current Water Use</b> | <b>Retrofit Water Use</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Sinks (gallons)                | 7,722                    | 7,722                     |
|   | Urinals (gallons)              | 49,856                   | 49,856                    |
|   | Toilets (gallons)              | 215,086                  | 113,388                   |
|   | Total (gallons)                | 272,664                  | 170,965                   |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Water and Sewage With Retrofit</b> |                                | <b>Cost of Water</b>     | <b>Cost of Sewage</b>     |
|   | Sinks                          | \$56.00                  | \$83.00                   |
|   | Urinals                        | \$361.00                 | \$537.00                  |
|   | Toilets                        | \$822.00                 | \$1220.00                 |
|   | Total                          | \$1239.00                | \$1840.00                 |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Retrofit</b>                       | Fixtures                       | \$6192.00                |                           |
|   | Labor                          | \$2560.00                |                           |
|   | Total Cost                     | \$8752.00                |                           |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Retrofit Savings</b>                       | Annual Water Savings (gallons) | 101,698                  |                           |
|   | Annual Water Cost Savings      | \$737.00                 |                           |
|   | Annual Sewage Cost Savings     | \$1094.00                |                           |
|   | Payback Period (years)         | 4.8                      |                           |
|   | Cost of 1000 gallons saved     | \$86.00                  |                           |

Figure 3

| <b>Water Use</b>                              |                                | <b>Current Water Use</b> | <b>Retrofit Water Use</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Sinks (gallons)                | 7,722                    | 7,722                     |
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|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Cost of Water and Sewage With Retrofit</b> |                                | <b>Cost of Water</b>     | <b>Cost of Sewage</b>     |
|   | Sinks                          | \$56.00                  | \$83.00                   |
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|   | Toilets                        | \$822.00                 | \$1220.00                 |
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| <b>Cost of Retrofit</b>                       | Fixtures                       | \$6192.00                |                           |
|   | Labor                          | \$2560.00                |                           |
|   | Total Cost                     | \$8752.00                |                           |
|   |                                |                          |                           |
| <b>Retrofit Savings</b>                       | Annual Water Savings (gallons) | 81,786                   |                           |
|   | Annual Water Cost Savings      | \$1,383                  |                           |
|   | Annual Sewage Cost Savings     | \$2054                   |                           |
|   | Payback Period (years)         | 4.3                      |                           |
|   | Cost of 1000 gallons saved     | \$78                     |                           |

Figure 4

| <b>Water Use</b>                   | <b>Toilet and Urinal Retrofit</b> | <b>Urinal Retrofit</b> | <b>Toilet Retrofit</b> | <b>Alternative Retrofit</b> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Total Cost</b>                  | \$12270.00                        | \$3518.00              | \$8752.00              | \$6349.00                   |
| <b>Annual Water Savings</b>        | \$1051.00                         | \$314.00               | \$737.00               | \$593.00                    |
| <b>Annual Sewage Savings</b>       | \$1561.00                         | \$467.00               | \$1094.00              | \$880.00                    |
| <b>Total Annual Savings</b>        | \$2612.00                         | \$781.00               | \$1831.00              | \$1473.00                   |
| <b>Cost per 1000 gallons saved</b> | \$85.00                           | \$81.00                | \$86.00                | \$76.00                     |
| <b>Payback Period</b>              | 4.7                               | 4.5                    | 4.8                    | 4.3                         |

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## Introduction

Currently, efficiency and retrofits in buildings are a popular topic. Building owners and establishments are realizing that plumbing and appliances are old and outdated. Today, people want efficiency, sustainability, and to not waste money when it could be prevented. A study was done here at San Francisco State University's Thornton Hall to identify if retrofitting bathroom appliances could save the university money. The study was conducted over several semesters by students in the Applied Local Sustainability class taught by Carlos Davidson. The results could potentially lead the school towards being more sustainable and save the school money in the process, if it chose to act on retrofitting. This study's goal is to show that by increasing efficiency in toilets and urinals, SFSU will save a notable amount of money from decreased costs with maintenance and water use.

Many buildings have success stories when it comes to retrofits, for instance the Holiday Inn in at San Antonio International Airport in Texas joined the WaterSaver Hotel Program and saves 35% on their water bill now after retrofitting their bathrooms (Penny, 17). The study of Thornton Hall will show that SFSU can save that amount too on its annual water bill, by switching the old fixtures to the new ones in several retrofit possibilities. Another example of bathroom retrofit success is at University of Hawaii. They conducted a pilot study in 2008 for part of their new policy, Sustainable Saunders Initiative, in the Saunders Building. Interestingly, several companies donated high efficiency toilets and faucets to the school for the study to be conducted. The school concluded that if 21 urinals and 42 toilets were to be replaced with high efficiency models in the building; they would save 662,813 gallons per year and \$4,309 per year. If SFSU made the decision to do a full retrofit, the school could potentially save that much money in Thornton Hall, as well. There are many more bathroom retrofit success stories, let's make SFSU a success as well.

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## Methods

1. Bathroom Usage

Bathroom usage was measured as the number of people entering the bathroom in four five minute periods. Two of the periods were during "peak time" between classes on Monday-Thursday, between 11am and 3pm. Peak times on Monday and Wednesday are the first ten minutes after the hour: 10-10:10, 11-11:10, 12-12:10, 1:00-1:10 and 2:00-2:10. On Tuesday and Thursday peak times are 9:50-10, 10:50-11, 12:15-12:35, and 1:50-2:10. Two counts were in "non-peak time" Monday-Thursday, between 10am and 3pm and at any times at least five minutes after or before peak times. For each bathroom one of the peak and one of the non-peak time counts was in the morning and one in the afternoon.

## 2. Water Use in Bathrooms

To measure the amount of water from the sink, a plastic bag with gallon measurements on the bag was used. The bag was held under the faucet for 5 seconds while the water was on. That process was repeated three times and then the mean was taken in gallons. Then at each urinal and toilet, they were flushed and the amount of time the flush lasted, was measured with a timer. This process was done once.

Water use in bathrooms was calculated from student survey data using the ENVS 570 Bathroom water use calculator v3.2. As inputs the calculator used survey data on each bathroom's faucet gallons per minute for each faucet, toilet and urinal gallons per flush for each toilet and urinal, toilet flush times, and bathroom usage. The bathroom water use calculator estimated annual bathroom water use for each bathroom based on the following assumptions. In a day, there were assumed to be 1.5 hours of peak time usage and 8.5 hours of non-peak usage. Bathrooms were assumed to be used for 160 days in the Spring and Fall semesters and 50 days in Summer. Weekend and usage between spring, fall and summer sessions was not accounted for. Summer usage was scaled to Fall and Spring semester usage based on the ratio of summer full time equivalent enrollment (2,284 FTE Summer 2015) to Fall and Spring average full time equivalent enrollment (23,746 FTE 2014-15 academic year). Men using bathrooms are assumed to use the urinal 66% of the time and the toilet 34% percent. Bathroom users

were assumed to wash their hands with the water on for 0.11 minutes (this average takes account of the 45% of users who are assumed not to wash hands). Water use in toilets was calculated based on the nominal gallons per flush for the fixture (e.g., 1.6 GPF – gallons per flush) and surveyed flush time. A toilet in good working order should flush for approximately 4 seconds. For flush times greater than 5 seconds, actual toilet GPF was calculated as nominal GPF multiplied by the ratio of measured flush time to 5 seconds. For example, if the nominal GPF was 1.6 and flush time was 10 seconds then actual gallons per flush was calculated as  $1.6 \text{ GPF} \times (10 \text{ sec}/5 \text{ sec}) = 3.2 \text{ GPF}$ .

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## Current Water Use

In Thornton Hall, there are 20 sinks, 16 toilets and 9 urinals. Currently, the annual sink use is 9,039 gallons per year and counts for 2.6% of the total bathroom water use. The annual toilet water use in Thornton Hall is 284,336 gallons per year and counts for 81.4% of total bathroom water use. The annual toilet water use for urinals is 55,984 gallons and counts for 16% total bathroom water use. Added together, the annual bathroom water use is 349,359 gallons. The three fourth floor bathrooms had the most usage in the building and room T337 on the third floor.

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## Full Retrofit Analysis

In this analysis, the cost of water and sewage was calculated. The price of water per gallon is \$0.007258854 and the price of sewage per gallon is \$0.010761285 and was then multiplied by the current use of water in gallons and multiplied by the number of gallons that will be used after retrofits. The current annual cost of water is \$2,536 and the annual sewage cost is \$3,760. Added together, the current total water annual use cost is \$6,295. Respectively, the annual total cost for toilets are \$5,124, for urinals are \$1,009, and for sinks are \$163. Additionally, the current annual sewage cost for toilets is \$3,060, for urinals \$602, and for sinks \$97. After a full retrofit of urinals and toilets the annual water cost will be \$2,287. The annual cost of sewage for toilets will be \$1,190,

urinals \$78, and sinks will still be \$97. The annual water use cost for toilets will be \$803, for urinals will be \$53, and for sinks will remain \$97. This gives SFSU a savings of \$4,008 per year. Also, with the toilet and urinal retrofits, the annual water usage will go from 349,359 gallons to 126,923 gallons. That is a savings of 222,436 gallons per year. The calculations of the retrofits were done with specific toilet models.

For the toilets, the Sloan WETS 2050.1001-1.28 gallons per flush (GPF) model was chosen and for the urinals, the Sloan WEUS-1000.1001 model was chosen, which is 0.13 GPF. With 16 toilets multiplied by the cost of a new toilet \$387, the cost of materials will be \$6192. With 9 urinals multiplied by the cost of a new urinal \$279.71, the cost of materials will be \$2517. The total cost of materials will be \$8,709. The cost of labor was determined by multiplying 4 hours of time it takes to install each retrofit by \$40/hr. The total cost of labor is \$4000. The total cost of the retrofit with labor and materials combined is \$12,709. The total amount of time to payback the costs will be 3.2 years and the cost per 1000 gallons saved will be \$73.15.

\*Refer to table 1 on page 5

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## Toilet Vs. Urinal Retrofit Analysis

With just doing the toilet retrofits, the total annual water use will be 175,629 gallons. With just the urinal retrofits, the total annual water use will be 300,653. The total annual cost for just having the toilet retrofits done would be \$3,164; which is \$3,131 in annual savings. The total annual cost for just having the urinal retrofits done would be \$5,418; which is \$877 in annual savings. That is a substantial difference. Respectively, the total annual costs of water, \$803, plus sewage, \$1,190, for toilets is \$1,993. The total annual costs of water, \$53, plus sewage, \$97, for urinals is \$131.

The total cost of materials for just doing the retrofitted toilets is \$6,192 and the cost of materials for just doing the retrofitted urinals is \$2,517. Total labor cost for toilets is \$2,560 and the total labor cost for urinals is \$1,440. The total cost of the retrofit for toilets, labor plus materials is \$8752. The total cost of the retrofits for urinals, labor plus materials is \$3,957. The Payback period for just doing toilets is 2.8 years and the payback period for just doing urinals is 4.5 years. The cost per 1000 gallons saved for doing only the toilet retrofits is \$50.38 and the cost per 1000 gallons saved for doing only the urinal retrofits is \$22.78.

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## Alternative Retrofit Analysis

The alternative retrofit analysis is replacing only the women's toilets. This is a viable option because more water is used in women's bathrooms in general than men's bathrooms. By doing this alternative retrofit, the current annual toilet water use will go from 284,336 gallons to 165,931 gallons and the current total annual water use will go from 349,359 gallons to 230,954 gallons. In total, this saves 118,405 gallons per year. The current annual water cost for toilets is \$5,124 and after the retrofit, it is \$2,990. The current total cost of water and sewage is \$6,295 and after the retrofit, it is \$4,161. The annual total costs savings will be \$2,134. The total cost of the retrofit is \$6,017 and the payback period will be 2.8 years. The cost per 1000 gallons saved is \$50.82.

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## Recommendations

After considering the four retrofit options, the best choice is doing retrofit 3, the full retrofit of all the toilets and urinals in Thornton Hall. This is the best choice because not only does it produce the most savings (\$4,008/year), monetarily, but it also saves the most water (222,436gallons/year). In the year 2016, we are learning that every drop of water counts, especially in California. This is not a finite world and every person's actions, count and has a positive or negative effect on the planet. So, saving the most water from being wasted as possible, is the responsible decision. The payback period is reasonable as well, in only 4.5 years the school will start receiving a return on its investment. Saving \$4,008 per year is a lot, just think about how much money could be saved if every building was retrofitted. That money could be used towards more sustainable retrofits and renovations on campus.

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## Appendix

TABLE 1.

|  | Current | Retrofit 1 |
|--|---------|------------|
|  | use     | 1.28 GPF   |
|  |         | toilets    |
| Annual toilet water use (gallons)        | 284,336 | 110,606    |
| Annual total water use (gallons)         | 349,359 | 175,629    |
| Annual total cost toilets                | \$5,124 | \$1,993    |
| Annual total cost water and sewage       | \$6,295 | \$3,164    |
| Annual total water savings (gallons)     | na      | 173,730    |
| Total annual cost savings                | na      | \$3,131    |
| Total cost of retrofit                   | na      | \$8,752    |
| years to payback (total cost/annual sav) | na      | 2.8        |
| Cost per 1000 gallons saved              | na      | \$50.38    |

TABLE 2.

|  | Current | Retrofit 2 |
|--|---------|------------|
|  | use     | 0.13 GPF   |
|  |         | urinals    |
| Annual urinal water use (gallons)        | 55,984  | 7,278      |
| Annual total water use (gallons)         | 349,359 | 300,653    |
| Annual total cost urinals                | \$1,009 | \$131      |
| Annual total cost water and sewage       | \$6,295 | \$3,164    |
| Annual total water savings (gallons)     | na      | 48,706     |
| Total annual cost savings                | na      | \$878      |
| Total cost of retrofit                   | na      | \$3,957    |
| years to payback (total cost/annual sav) | na      | \$5        |
| Cost per 1000 gallons saved              | na      | \$81.24    |

TABLE 3.

|  | Current | Retrofit 3  |
|--|---------|-------------|
|  | use     | urinals and |
|  |         | toilets     |
| Annual urinal + toilet water use (gallons) | 340,320 | 117,884     |
| Annual total water use (gallons)           | 349,359 | 126,923     |
| Annual total cost toilets                  | \$5,124 | \$1,993     |
| Annual total cost urinals                  | \$1,009 | \$131       |
| Annual total cost water and sewage         | \$6,295 | \$2,287     |
| Annual total water savings (gallons)       | na      | 222,436     |
| Total annual cost savings                  | na      | \$4,008     |
| Total cost of retrofit                     | na      | \$12,709    |
| years to payback (total cost/annual sav)   | na      | 3.2         |
| Cost per 1000 gallons saved                | na      | \$57.14     |

TABLE 4.

|  | Current | Retrofit 4 |
|--|---------|------------|
|  | use     | womens     |
|  |         | toilets    |
| Annual toilet water use (gallons)        | 284,336 | 165,931    |
| Annual total water use (gallons)         | 349,359 | 230,954    |
| Annual total cost toilets                | \$5,124 | \$2,990    |
| Annual total cost water and sewage       | \$6,295 | \$4,161    |
| Annual total water savings (gallons)     | na      | 118,405    |
| Total annual cost savings                | na      | \$2,134    |
| Total cost of retrofit                   | na      | \$6,017    |
| years to payback (total cost/annual sav) | na      | 2.8        |
| Cost per 1000 gallons saved              | na      | \$50.82    |

TABLE 5.

| <b>Retrofit Calculations</b>             |         |            |            |             |            |  |
|--|---------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|--|
|  | Current | Retrofit 1 | Retrofit 2 | Retrofit 3  | retrofit 4 |  |
|  | use     | 1.28 GPF   | 0.13 GPF   | urinals and | Womens     |  |
|  |         | toilets    | urinals    | toilets     | toilets    |  |
| Annual toilet water use (gallons)        | 284,336 | 110,606    | 284,336    | 110,606     | 165,931    |  |
| Annual urinal water use (gallons)        | 55,984  | 55,984     | 7,278      | 7,278       | 55,984     |  |
| Annual sink water use (gallons)          | 9,039   | 9,039      | 9,039      | 9,039       | 9,039      |  |
| Annual total water use (gallons)         | 349,359 | 175,629    | 300,653    | 126,923     | 230,954    |  |
| Annual water cost toilets                | \$2,064 | \$803      | \$2,064    | \$803       | \$1,204    |  |
| Annual sewage cost toilets               | \$3,060 | \$1,190    | \$3,060    | \$1,190     | \$1,786    |  |
| Annual total cost toilets                | \$5,124 | \$1,993    | \$5,124    | \$1,993     | \$2,990    |  |
| Annual water cost urinals                | \$406   | \$406      | \$53       | \$53        | \$406      |  |
| Annual sewage cost urinals               | \$602   | \$602      | \$78       | \$78        | \$602      |  |
| Annual total cost urinals                | \$1,009 | \$1,009    | \$131      | \$131       | \$1,009    |  |
| Annual water cost sinks                  | \$66    | \$66       | \$66       | \$66        | \$66       |  |
| Annual sewage cost sinks                 | \$97    | \$97       | \$97       | \$97        | \$97       |  |
| Annual total cost sinks                  | \$163   | \$163      | \$163      | \$163       | \$163      |  |
| Annual water cost                        | \$2,536 | \$1,275    | \$2,183    | \$922       | \$1,676    |  |
| Annual sewage cost                       | \$3,760 | \$1,889    | \$3,235    | \$1,365     | \$2,485    |  |
| Annual total cost                        | \$6,295 | \$3,164    | \$5,418    | \$2,287     | \$4,161    |  |
| Annual toilet water savings (gallons)    | na      | 173,730    | 0          | 173,730     | 118,405    |  |
| Annual urinal water savings (gallons)    | na      | 0          | 48,706     | 48,706      | 0          |  |
| Annual sink water savings (gallons)      | na      | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0          |  |
| Annual total water savings (gallons)     | na      | 173,730    | 48,706     | 222,436     | 118,405    |  |
| Annual water cost savings                | na      | \$1,261    | \$354      | \$1,615     | \$859      |  |
| Annual sewage cost savings               | na      | \$1,870    | \$524      | \$2,394     | \$1,274    |  |
| total annual cost savings                | na      | \$3,131    | \$878      | \$4,008     | \$2,134    |  |
| Retrofit material cost                   | na      | \$6,192    | \$2,517    | \$8,709     | \$4,257    |  |
| labor hours to install                   | na      | 64         | 36         | 100         | 44         |  |
| total labor cost                         | na      | \$2,560    | \$1,440    | \$4,000     | \$1,760    |  |
| total cost of retrofit                   | na      | \$8,752    | \$3,957    | \$12,709    | \$6,017    |  |
| years to payback (total cost/annual sav) | na      | 2.8        | 4.5        | 3.2         | 2.8        |  |
| cost per 1000 gallons saved              |         | \$50.38    | \$81.24    | \$57.14     | \$50.82    |  |

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