

Water Conservation Task Force (2014 Charge)

The Task Force will advise the Chancellor and Campus Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor (CP/EVC) on current and past water use and provide recommendations on implementation of policies for potable water use reductions in support of The Regents Policy on Sustainable Practices and the President's water-related goals. The Task Force will identify initiatives, in light of the campus priorities in the capital program, academic initiatives, and campus programmatic goals, which integrate water use best management practices and new infrastructure in support of sustainability and campus life. The Task Force will recommend monitoring and reporting programs related to campus water use in support of sustainability goals, water use commitments, and regulatory requirements. The Task Force will advise the Chancellor and CP/EVC on ways to advance environmental goals within the context of economic viability and long term campus aspirations by identifying water use reductions campus-wide through physical infrastructure improvements and behavioral transformation.

Areas of Focus:

- Assessment of campus previous plans and studies, current water use and existing campus water infrastructure;
- Integrate findings and recommendations with the vision of efficient water use including review and assessment of future campus water demand as a value and a campus priority at UCSC;
- Review and recommend implementation strategies, priorities, and new policies to help the campus meet its sustainability goals and water use reduction targets;
- Identify studies or other technical analyses that could assist in understanding opportunities to further reduce potable water demand;
- Review and assess organizational structures, funding, accounting models, and other procedures for monitoring and reporting water use strategies, within the context of competing campus priorities;
- Advance ideas to encourage and stimulate a culture of cross-departmental engagement and collaboration to examine the feasibility of pilot projects and technologies to reduce potable water use;
- Support and celebrate the broad spectrum of faculty, staff, and student sustainability initiatives.

Membership:

Co-Chair: VC, Business and Administrative Services

Co-Chair: Faculty member

Academic Deans Representative

Academic Senate Representatives

VC, Planning & Budget

Director OPERS

AVC, Colleges, Housing & Educational Services

Exec. Director CASFS

Director Arboretum

Director Public Information

Employee Housing Representative

Graduate Student Association Rep (1)

Student Union Assembly Rep (1)

Student Environmental Center Rep (1)

(other participants based on agenda)

Meeting frequency: Once per month until June 2014 (post-June meeting frequency and needs will be evaluated at the end of the spring quarter)

Task Force Working Group: Sustainability director, Campus Planning director, Physical Plant director, Campus Engineer, Principal Budget Analyst and assigned staff. Other members might be added in order to ensure coordination with the various components of the current campus sustainability governance structure.