

## Sustainability at San Diego State University

- Carbon
- Energy
- Water
- Waste Reduction
- Transportation
- Green Buildings
- Food
- Academics
- Research
- Get Involved



# Carbon





#### **Carbon Commitment**

- In March 2014, President Hirshman signed American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment
- Commits campus to develop a Climate Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality









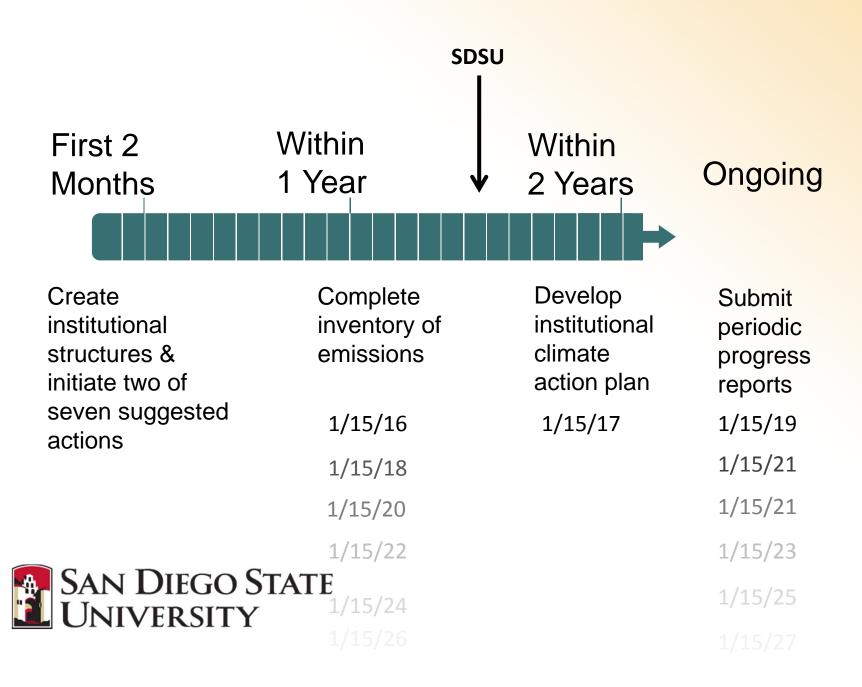
#### Climate Challenge

- Over-reliance on fossil fuels: catastrophic climate disruption and national security threat
- Threat to human progress
- Halt growth of global warming pollution & cut GHG emissions by 80%
- Transformation of economy, institutions & daily lives
- Vision & leadership of higher education

Reversing global warming is a defining challenge of the 21st century!



#### Commitment requirements



### Overview of Presidents Climate Commitment – Tangible Actions

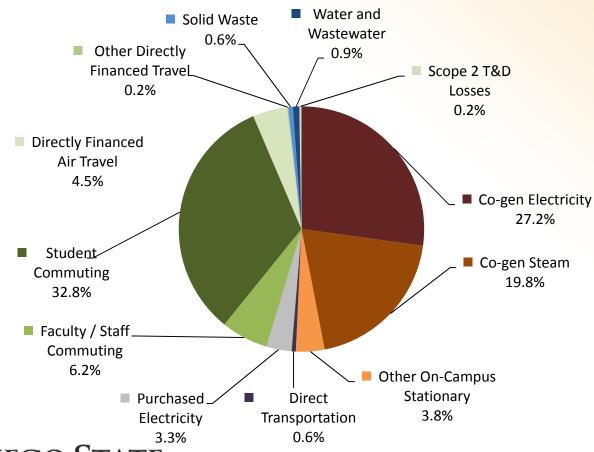
Initiate two or more of the following tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gases while the more comprehensive plan is being developed.

- Establish a policy that all new campus construction will be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver standard or equivalent.
- Adopt an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which such ratings exist.
- Establish a policy of offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel paid for by our institution.
- Encourage use of and provide access to public transportation for all faculty, staff, students and visitors at our institution.
- Within one year of signing this document, begin purchasing or producing at least 15% of our institution's electricity consumption from renewable sources.
- Establish a policy or a committee that supports climate and sustainability shareholder proposals at companies where our institution's endowment is invested.
- Participate in the Waste Minimization component of the national RecycleMania competition, and adopt 3 or more associated measures to reduce waste.



### **Greenhouse Gas Inventory**

Within one year of signing this document, complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions (including emissions from electricity, heating, commuting, and air travel) and update the inventory every other year thereafter.



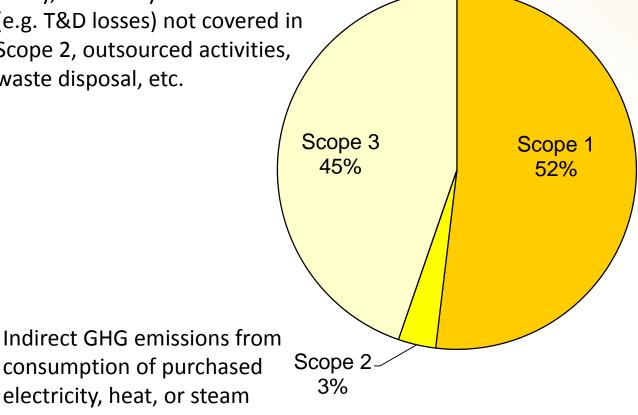


### **Greenhouse Gas Inventory**

Other indirect emissions, such as the extraction and production of purchased materials and fuels, transport-related activities in vehicles not owned or controlled by the reporting

entity, electricity-related activities (e.g. T&D losses) not covered in Scope 2, outsourced activities,

waste disposal, etc.



FY 14/15

All direct GHG emissions

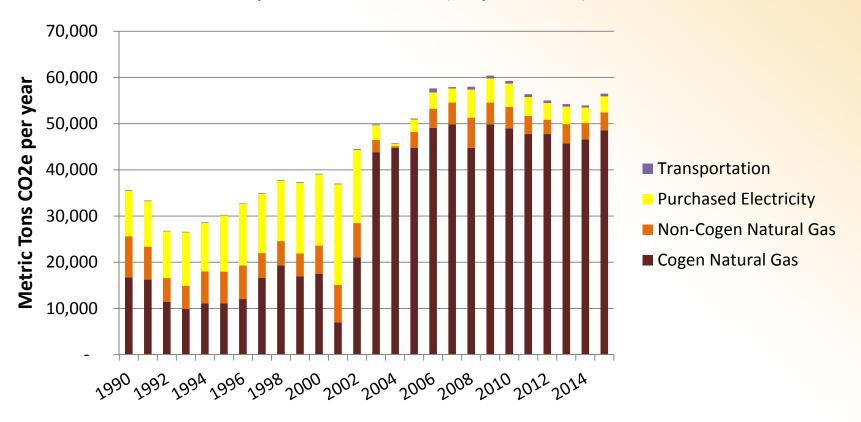


consumption of purchased

electricity, heat, or steam

## **Greenhouse Gas Trends**

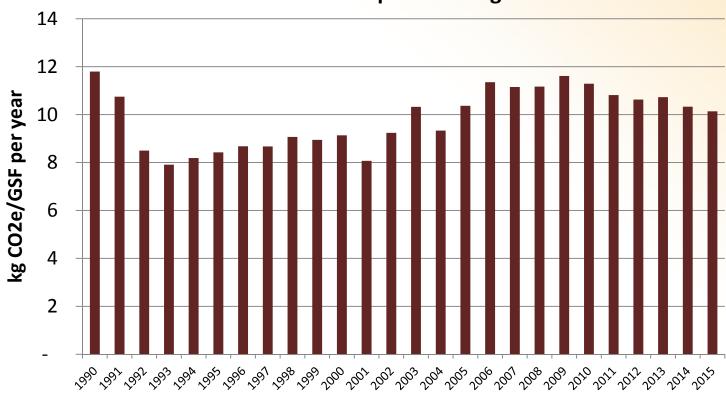
#### **Operational Emissions (Scopes 1 and 2)**





## **Greenhouse Gas Trends**

# Operational Emissions (Scopes 1 and 2) Normalized to Square Footage





#### Overview of Presidents Climate Commitment – Climate Action Plan

Within two years of signing this document, develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral, which will include:

- Actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experience for all students.
- Actions to expand research or other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality.
- Mechanisms for tracking progress on goals and actions.

Make the action plan, inventory, and periodic progress reports publicly available by submitting them to the Reporting System for posting and dissemination.



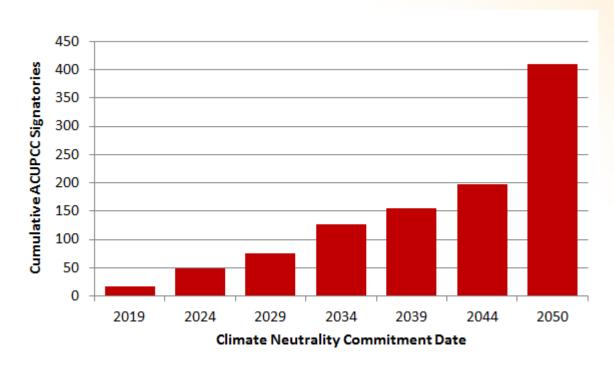




#### Overview of Presidents Climate Commitment – Carbon Goals

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- A target date for achieving climate neutrality as soon as possible.
- Interim targets for goals and actions that will lead to climate neutrality.





#### Overview of Presidents Climate Commitment – Carbon Goals



#### **California State University System**

Reduce direct (Scope 1 and 2) greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2040.

For SDSU, this would require 37% reduction from current levels in next five years And 87% reduction in next 25 years.

#### **University of California System**

In 2013, President Janet Napolitano committed UC system to operational carbon neutrality by 2025.

#### **State of California**

AB 32 and Executive Order S-3-05 call for 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% 1990 levels by 2050.

Renewable portfolio standard – 33% electricity renewable by 2020, 50% by 2030



# Energy





## **Energy Overview**

Most energy on campus provided by cogeneration plant



Reduces energy costs

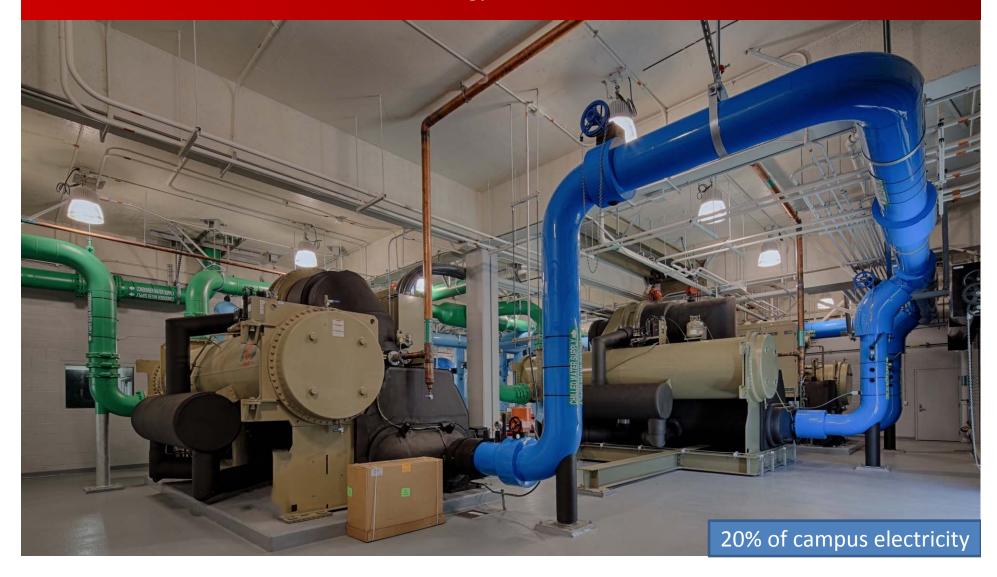
Islanding capability

Historically, reduces environmental impact; but the grid is getting cleaner

Optimization effort expected to reduce operational emissions by nearly 10%



## Energy - Chillers





## **Energy - Thermal Storage**





## Energy – Solar PV

Nearly 1 MW of Solar photovoltaic panels on campus – up to 10% of peak, 3% total use



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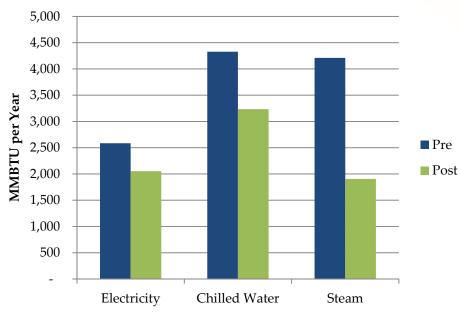




## **Monitoring Based Commissioning**

Monitoring Based Commissioning – make a building work right.

Deferred maintenance, optimize HVAC sequences, efficiency upgrades



Arts and Letters MBCx Results

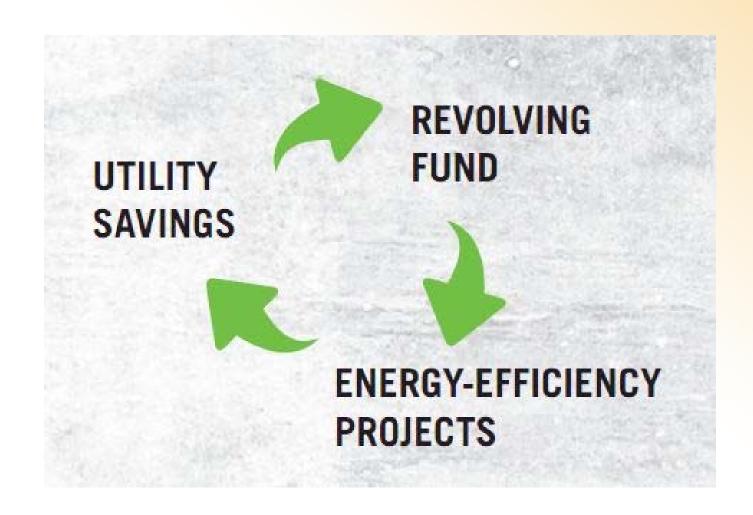


**CSL Wind Tunnel Model** 

Next up: GMCS, Peterson Gym, Fowler Athletics



## **Energy Revolving Fund**

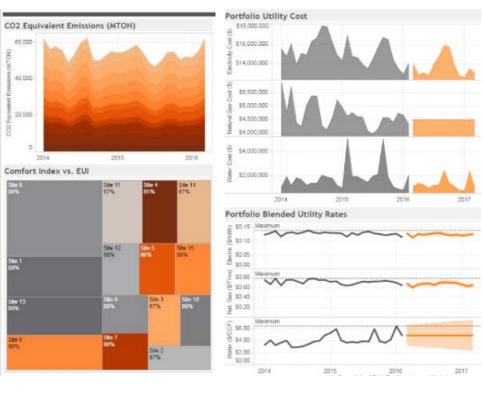


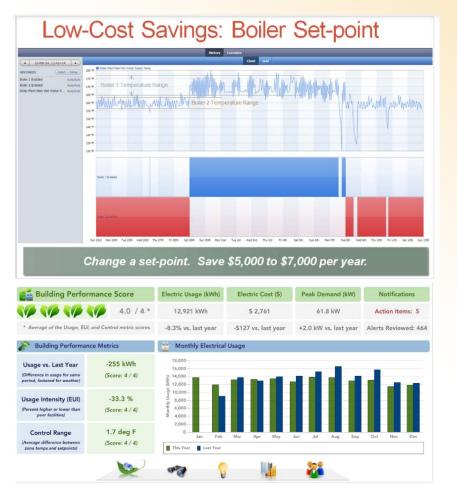


### **Energy Information System**

New system will be advanced energy and sustainability data collection and analysis

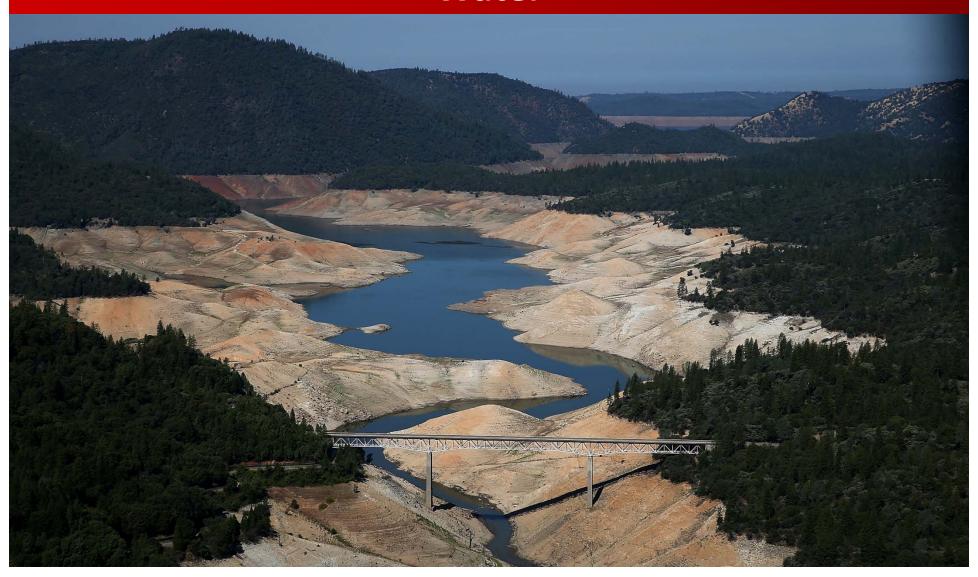
Utility bill management, auxilliary billing, portfolio snapshot, comparisons, public dashboards, and fault detection diagnostics





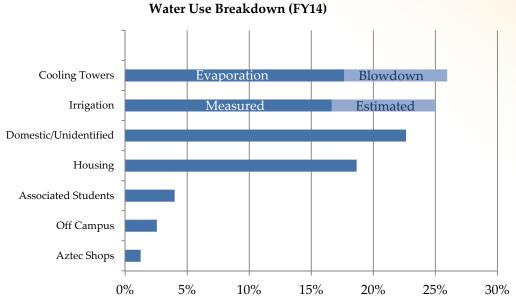


## Water





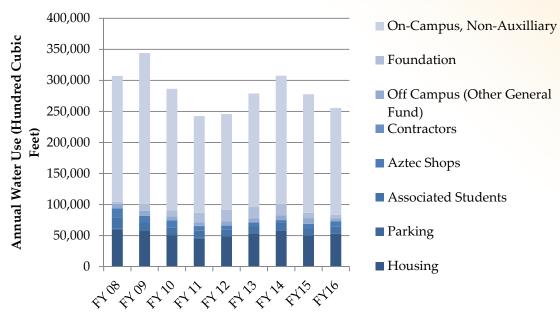
#### **Water Overview**











#### Water – Campus as a Living Lab

- Chancellors Office funding collaboration between Facilities Services and academics (Dept. of Geography, Dr. Diana Richardson)
- Students identified biggest needs were shading and seating
- Redirected from proposed site







## Water – Campus as a Living Lab

- Turf removal, shade trees
- Enhanced irrigation
- Biochar water conservation amendment

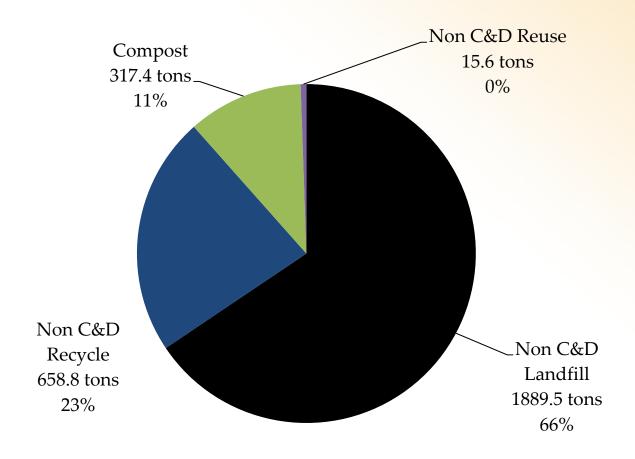






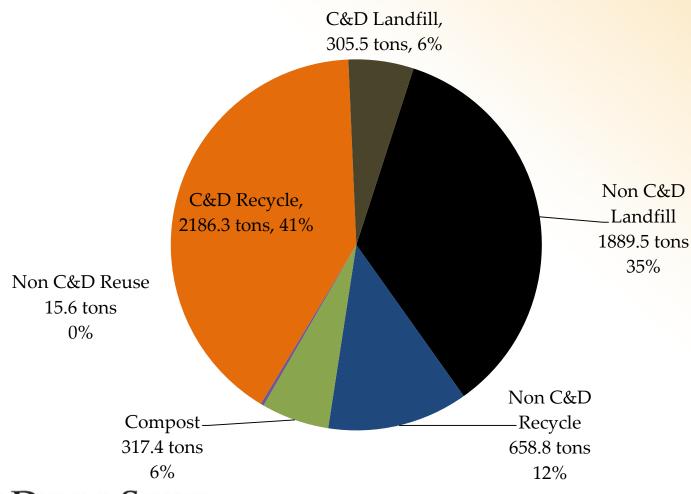


## Non C&D Diversion (7/15 to 6/16)



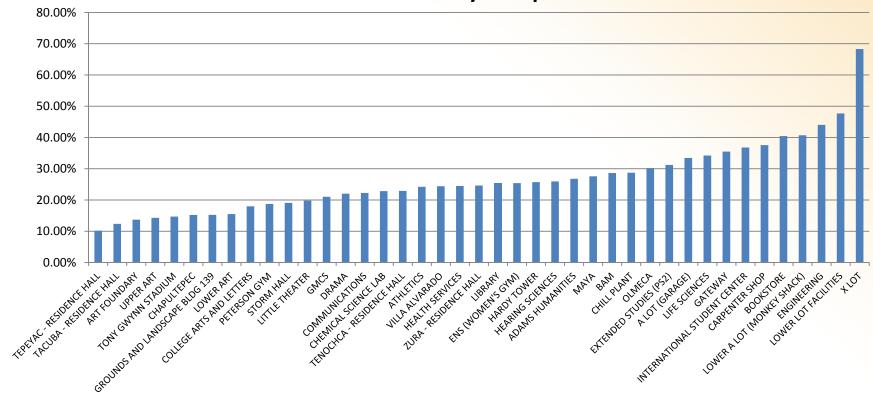


## Total Diversion (7/15 to 6/16)



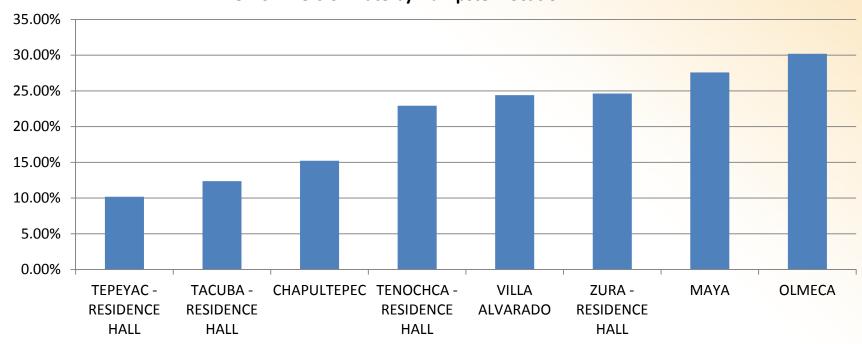


## FY 15-16 Diversion Rate by Dumpster Location





FY 15-16 Diversion Rate by Dumpster Location





#### **Waste Outreach**

- Launching recycling outreach effort
  - Spearheaded by student intern, Taylor Flores
- New recycling and waste bins with new contract
- Piloting sidecar landfill bins







#### Waste Outreach



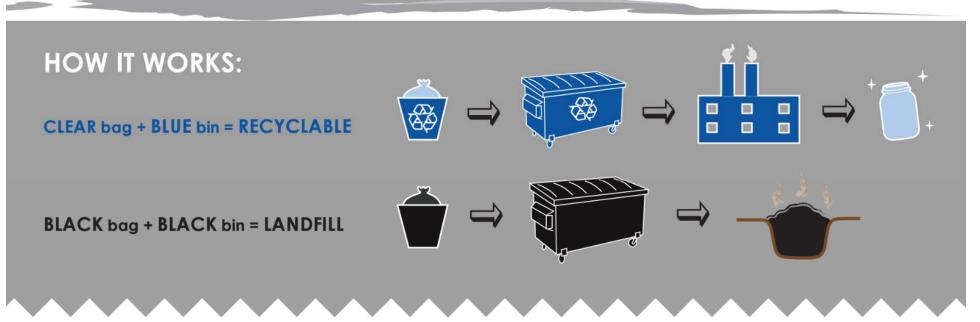




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## Move In

## 2015



2016 - 98.5% Diversion!



# **Hydration Stations**







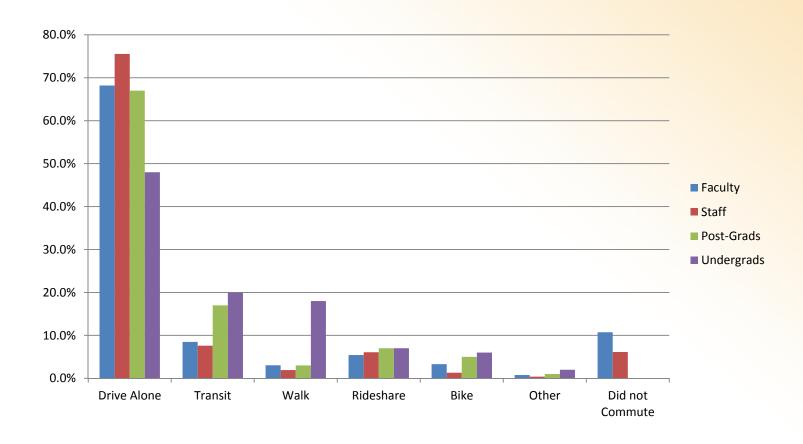


# **Transportation**





# Mode Split Comparison

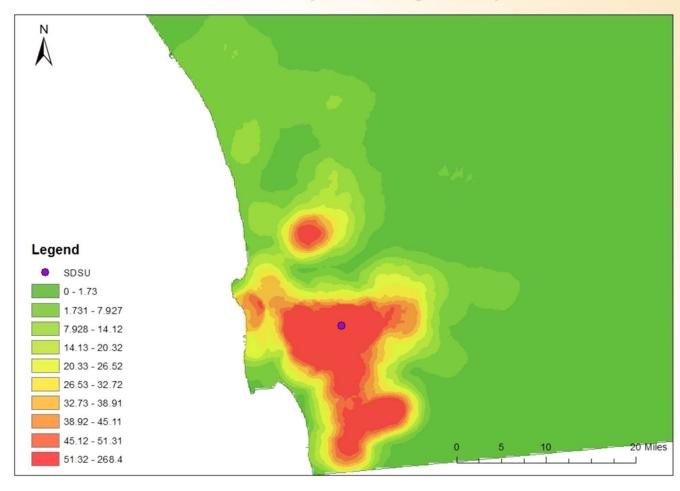


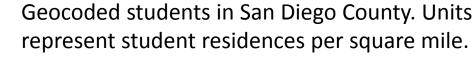
Faculty/Staff – 2015 Data Students – 2012 Data



# **Student Residence Density**

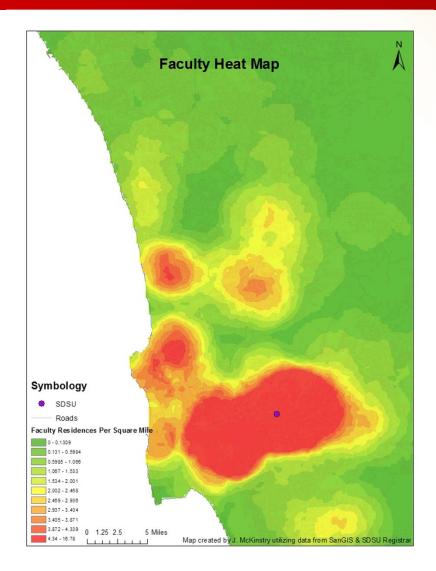
## Student Density in San Diego County

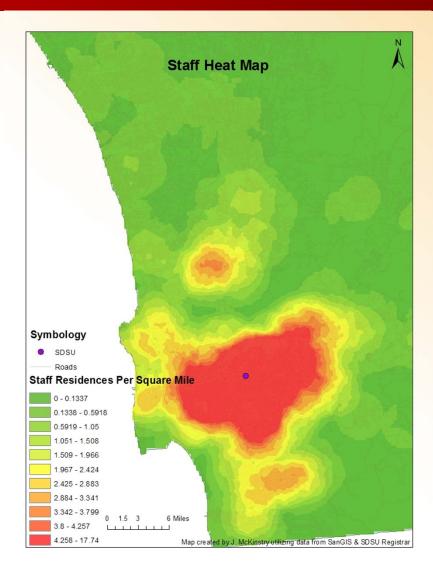






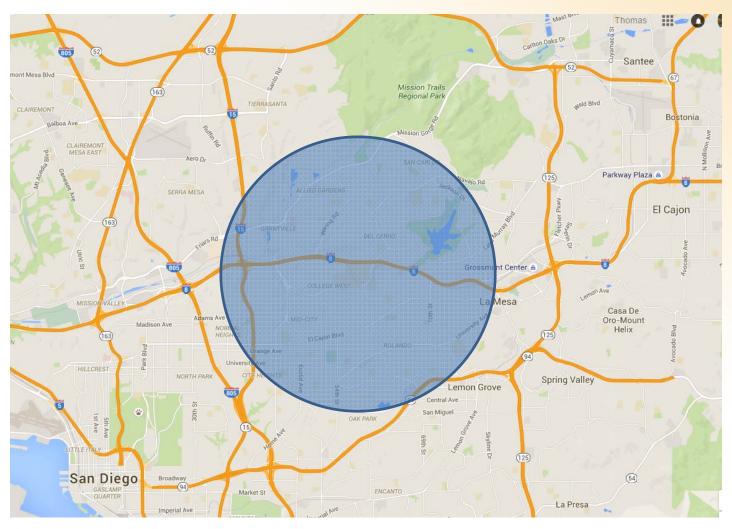
# Faculty/Staff Residence Density







# **Buffer Analyses**

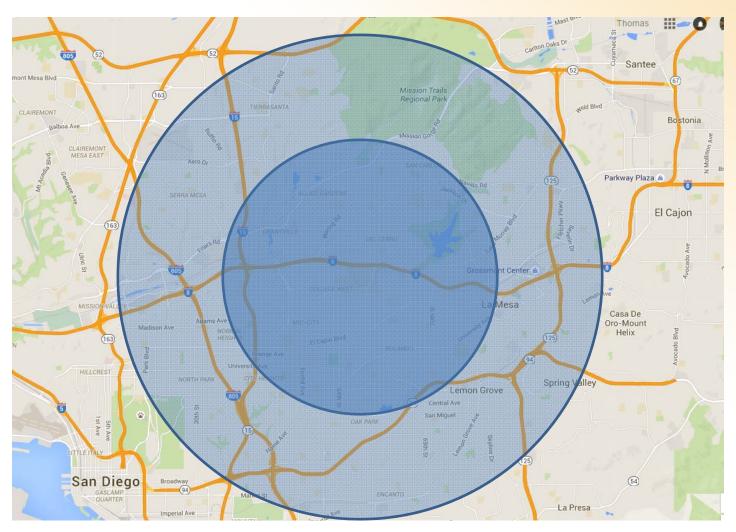




- Faculty: 18% live within 3 miles of campus
- Staff: 20% live within 3 miles of campus
- Students: 23% live within 3 miles of campus

Created by Dr. Bruce Appleyard and Jeremy McKinstry

# **Buffer Analyses**





- Faculty: 33% live within 5 miles of campus
- Staff: 37% live within 5 miles of campus
- Students: 36% live within 5 miles of campus

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# **Buffer Analyses**



### Distance to main transit routes

- Faculty: 24% live within 0.5 miles
- Staff: 22% live within 0.5 miles
- Students: 30% live within 0.5 miles

### Distance to main transit routes

- Faculty: 39% live within 1 mile
- Staff: 38% live within 1 mile of
- Students: 45% live within 1 mile



# **Sustainable Commuting**



#### Trolley

SDSU is located on the Green Line of the MTS Trolley system, connecting campus to Downtown San Diego and Santee.



#### Bus

There are several MTS bus lines that directly service campus. Check out the MTS site for up to date information. All SDSU routes are "bike buses" and allow for easy bike and provide wheelchair lift service.



#### Bike & Skateboard

Biking, skateboarding, or walking to campus is as green as you can get! Campus has a network of bike lanes and streets that skateboard access.





#### Rideshare

Have a car? Split the costs by driving fellow SDSU student, faculty, and staff. Dont have a car? Find a ride where you need to go.



#### Carshare

Get access to a car without the hassle or cost of ownership. SDSU has partnerships with Car2Go and Zipcar.



#### **Charging Stations**

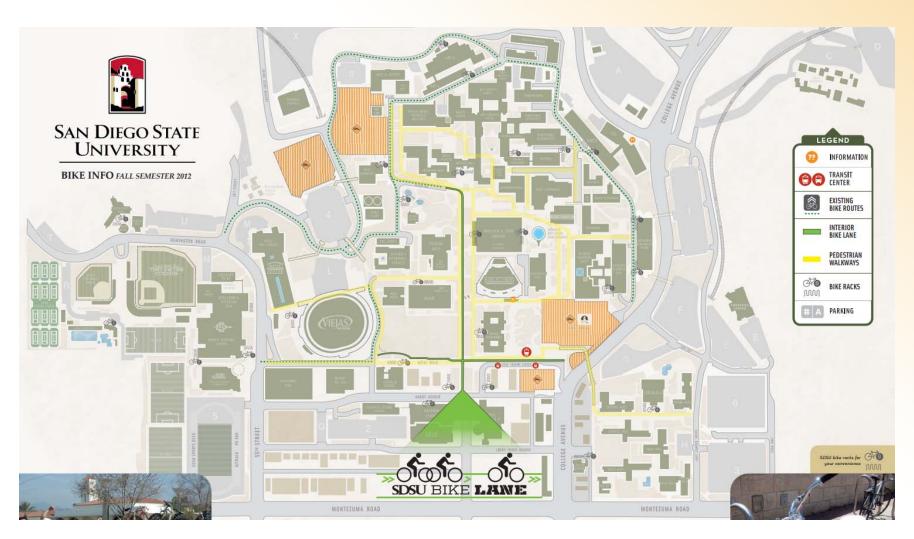
SDSU has a partnership with Blink Networks offering electric charging stations across campus: Parking Structures 4, 5, 6, and 8, Children's Center, and fast chargers in Lot G.







# **Sustainable Commuting**





# **Green Building**



# LEED

#### Location and Transportation – 15%



30%



CERTIFIED 40 - 49 POINTS



12%

SILVER 50 - 59 POINTS



GOLD 60 - 79 POINTS



PLATINIUM 80+ POINTS

# **LEED Certified Buildings**

# **Student Union**



Storm-Nasatir Complex



ARC



Zura Hall



MBAC



Children's Center



# Storm-Nasatir

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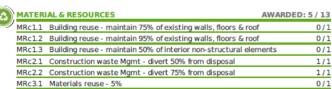
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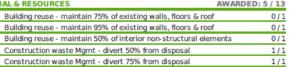
LEED BD+C: New Construction (v2.2)

**GOLD, AWARDED JUN 2016** 

SUSTAI	NABLE SITES	AWARDED: 9 / 1
SSc1	Site selection	1,
SSc2	Development density and community connectivity	1,
SSc3	Brownfield redevelopment	1
SSc4.1	Alternative transportation - public transportation access	1
SSc4.2	Alternative transportation - bicycle storage and changing roo	ms 0
SSc4.3	Alternative transportation - low emitting and fuel efficient vel	hicles 0
SSc4.4	Alternative transportation - parking capacity	1
SSc5.1	Site development - protect or restore habitat	0
SSc5.2	Site development - maximize open space	1
SSc6.1	Stormwater design - quantity control	0
SSc6.2	Stormwater design - quality control	1
SSc7.1	Heat island effect - non-roof	1
SSc7.2	Heat island effect - roof	1
SSc8	Light pollution reduction	0
	EFFICIENCY	AWARDED: 3 /
	Water efficient landscaping - reduce by 50%	1
	Water efficient landscaping - no potable water use or no irriga	
WEc2	Innovative wastewater technologies	0
	Water use reduction - 20% reduction	1
WEc3.2	Water use reduction - 30% reduction	1
ENERG'	Y & ATMOSPHERE A	WARDED: 10 /
EAc1	Optimize energy performance	5/
EAc2	On-site renewable energy	2
EAc3	Enhanced commissioning	1
EAc4	Enhanced refrigerant Mgmt	1
EAc5	Measurement and verification	1

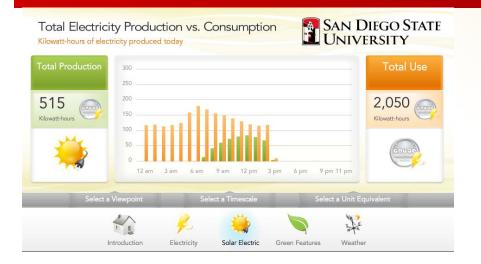
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# Storm-Nasatir









77% of Waste Recycled
23% recycled content
90% of spaces have views





### Food

- In 2015, SDSU Dining became the first campus to require all of its tenants to meet the GRA's Certified Green Restaurant® environmental standards
- Nearly two dozen entities on campus have received this certification.
- SDSU organizations have over twenty plots at the College Area Community Garden
- Associated Students leads a campaign against food insecurity
  - Mobile food pantry
  - Twitter alerts to students when extra catered food is available.









http://www.aztecshops.com/sustainability https://as.sdsu.edu/foodinsecurity/

### **Academics**

- Sustainability Major and Minor
- Many other programs offer classes related to sustainability



 Sage Project connects nearby communities with student classes to solve real world issues, with a focus on sustainaability



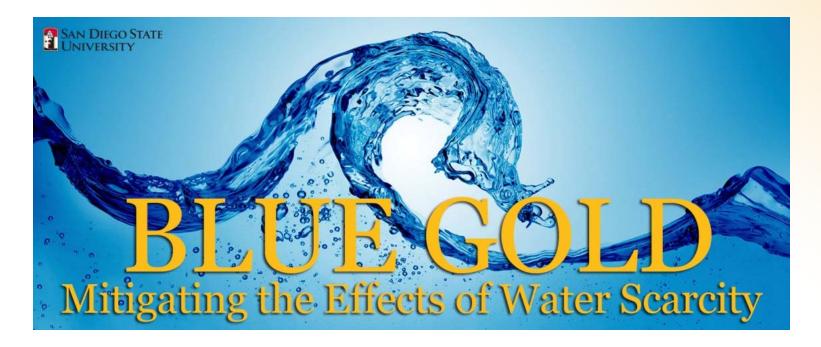


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### Research

- Several research efforts including:
  - Industrial Assessment Center
  - Center for Sustainable Energy
  - Blue Gold
- Research on Climate and Sustainability part of campus Strategic Plan





# **Campus Culture**

# What can you do to pitch in on campus?

- Recycle
- Turn off lights
- Use responsible temperature setpoints
- Commute to campus by biking, carpooling, trolley, or bus
- Eat more plants
- Use hydration stations instead of bottled water
- Report issues to Facilities Services Center (leaks, excessive flushing, daytime exterior lighting, etc)
- Spread the word



### Student Involvement

# How YOU can GET INVOLVED

## **Student Organizations**

- Green Love
- Enviro-Business Society (E3)
- GreenFest Committee
- Association of Environmental Professionals (SD Student Chapter)

## **Campus Committees**

- Environment & Safety Committee
- Sustainability Committee

# **Internships**

 Look for local and on-campus internships related to sustainability













### Student Involvement

# How YOU can GET INVOLVED

Recycling outreach – classroom talks, office walks, tabling

Count bins for new containers

Reduce bottled water usage

Advocate for recycling changes

Lobby for composting facilities

Food service recycling program

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** – in that order

Potential internships





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