



Spring 2013 Team

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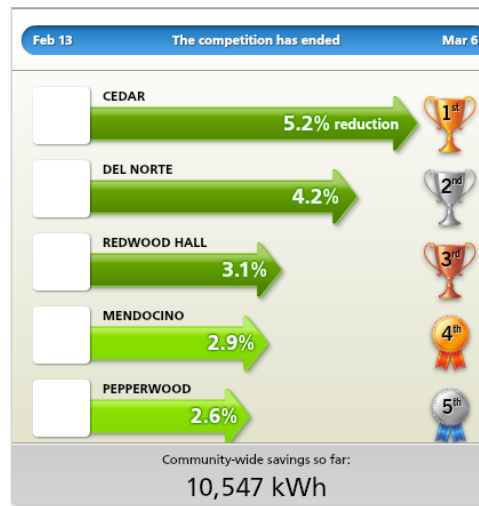
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Welcome to the April 2013 PowerSave Green Campus newsletter! With only six weeks left before finals, the team has numerous events during April before we open up those textbooks to study in May. We want to make the most out of the time we have left, so stay in touch with the team and help us finish this semester strong.

But first, we have some updates and announcements for you:

1. We are having our Stakeholder meeting on **Monday, April 15th** from 12:00 p.m.—1:00p.m. in the UC Banquet Room
2. Humboldt Bay Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Project presentation by Aldaron Laird on Tuesday April 9 from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. in the Native Forum BSS 162

3. Campus Conservation Nationals



And the winner was (drumroll please)....

CEDAR!!!

with a 5.2% reduction

Thank you residents for all your hard work conserving energy!

Brietta Linney
Newsletter Editor



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This Way to Sustainability VIII

by Jenna Bader

This Way To Sustainability (TWTS) is a student-run conference at CSU Chico, hosting over 100 speakers and 1,400 participants. Adrienne Spitzer and I teamed up with two other PSGC Project Coordinators, Lauryn Gutowski from UC Santa Cruz and Hilary Queen from CSU Chico, to present a session titled “Awareness to Action”

We highlighted one specific project from each campus, along with suggestions for others to take these energy and water saving projects to their own campuses.

Sustainability was woven through the planning and implementation of TWTS 2013. For example, re-used lanyard strings from previous years, reusable dishware at all meals, local and organic food, bulk condiments, suggested lodging within walking distance, reusable or compostable decorations, composting and zero waste efforts, and encouraged carpooling through Zimride.

This was my first time visiting Chico, CA and it was an unforgettable experience. The campus was beautiful, there were more bicycles in the streets than cars, the weather was perfect, and it was great to hang out with some PSGC friends on campus and downtown!



Water Awareness Month Events

- "Humboldt Bay Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Project" presentation by Aldaron Laird
April 9th 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Science B 133
- Photo Contest Entries due: **April 26th**

Find out more at: www.powersavehsu.com

Stakeholder highlight: Redwood Coast Energy Authority

by Adrienne Spitzer

Did you know that if you rent or own a house or apartment in Humboldt County and are a PG&E customer, you are eligible to get FREE energy efficiency upgrades installed in your home?? All you have to do is call the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) and make an appointment! RCEA is a Joint Powers Authority that provides free energy efficiency consultations and upgrades to residences and businesses in Humboldt County. Some of the simple energy efficiency upgrades RCEA can install for no-cost in your home include: low-flow faucet aerators, low-flow shower heads, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and hot water pipe insulation. When you make an appointment, an energy technician and energy efficiency intern will come to your home and do a quick assessment to see what upgrades are best suited to your home. All installations are done by RCEA staff at that time and they are all of no cost to you! They will even give you recommendations on how to make your home more energy efficient in regard to the appliances you have, window and door insulation, heating and cooling, and more. Everyone living in Humboldt County should take advantage of this program! To make an appointment, call (707) 269-1700.

RCEA also has an extensive Energy Lending Library and Energy Tool Bank that is open to the public to rent books and energy assessment tools. If you are working on an energy efficiency project, stop by the Eureka office and check out tools and books that will help you with research and simple home projects.

Visit RCEA's website for information about their other awesome programs and some of the free workshops they offer. Also, make sure to look out for any job openings they may have because they often hire students!

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CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT: UC Merced and Cal Poly Pomona

by Anais Rodrigues

UC Merced: Kitchen Audits

PSGC interns at UC Merced plan to audit the dining services at the UC Merced campus to find ways to conserve energy. They plan to focus on older kitchen appliance models and replacing them with energy efficient ones. This will lower campus energy bills and promote energy conservation.

Cal Poly Pomona: Green Career Panel

Cal Poly Pomona PSGC interns organized a Green Career Panel to educate students about green career opportunities, staying environmentally conscious and the importance of green jobs. Events such as the Green Career Panel connect what students learn in the classroom to the opportunities available in the green workforce.

Check out what other schools are doing: <http://issuu.com/powersavecampus>

PowerSave Green Campus submits grant for office appliances

by Johnny Lococo

PowerSave Green Campus HSU is taking sustainability in the workplace to new heights! You may have heard of our Green Workplace Assessment and Certification Program or “GWA” for short. As if top notch certification isn’t enough to employ improved energy efficiency in on-campus offices, my colleague

Jenna Bader and I have submitted a grant proposal that aims to ensure each of our certified workplaces will be operating at the Energy Star level. If approved, our grant will open the floodgates for high efficiency office equipment to replace their outdated, energy-hog counterparts that currently inflate the HSU electricity bill.

We submitted the grant proposal to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF), who supports student-driven energy projects with funds derived from student fees. The conditions of the proposal are that appliances owned by the university within a GWA Certified office will be replaced by Energy Star qualified appliances and that the cost of the new machine will be split equally between the grant money and the department’s money. Appliances covered by the grant include but are not limited to: printers, copiers, shredders, refrigerators and hand dryers.

One big incentive for writing the grant proposal was that a variety of office equipment had seemingly been overlooked during previous large-scale energy retrofits. Since old appliances had been recognized as a problem area during past GWA certification processes because they disproportionately demand electricity, brainstorming avenues for effectively replacing inefficient office equipment began. The HEIF grant will hopefully be that avenue. For now, we eagerly await proposal’s approval.



What is the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund?

The mission of the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) is to reduce the environmental impact of energy use at HSU through student driven projects.

The five primary goals of the Fund:

- Achieve its mission through projects that are developed by students and, to the extent possible, implemented, monitored, and maintained with strong student involvement.
- Require accountability by measuring and reporting quantitative and qualitative results, as well as levels of involvement by students and other participants, in all its projects.
- Strive to make its projects derive from and be connected to the curriculum of the university.
- Support dissemination of information about its projects through public outreach and educational activities.
- Publicize accomplishments and experiences associated with its program and projects through a variety of media.

Check out their website: www.humboldt.edu/heif

Picture of the Month:



Mitchell McGowan poses for a picture with his new iPod Shuffle. Mitchell won our drawing during the Campus Conservation Nationals official party in February 2013.



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February Metrics

**25 people attended
CCN Ice Cream
Giveaway**

**2 offices certified for
GWA**

**1 academic infusion
project**



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