

FACILITIES FOCUS

ASSET • Central Plant • Client Support Services • Energy & Engineering
Environmental & Resources Services • FS Administration • Maintenance Services

JANUARY 2023

BEHIND THE SCENES: WATER TANK CARE AND MAINTENANCE



Jeff Wyrick, plumber, with dive team.
(UCR/Joe Dyer)

Recently, the plumbing shop oversaw a commercial dive team to inspect our potable water tanks on the hillside. Both manual and robotic inspections of the 1 million gallon, and 50,000-gallon potable water tanks took place. A specialized process is required for diving in potable water sources, including a full, dry suit and sterilization of all equipment that touches the water. Fun fact — the dive team included a former Discovery Channel dive photographer, pictured. These inspections are part of a continued effort by Facilities Services to maintain the safety and functionality of the campus's vital infrastructure.



OTHER PLUMBING PROJECTS

- > Installed or retrofitted 47 water bottle filling stations on campus through the Healthy Beverage Initiative by collaborating with the electric shop, carpentry shop, and paint shop.
- > Implemented a new, in-house backflow testing program for the entire campus.
- > Repaired several sections of buried water main, including the north district, and re-routed a broken main around a rare tree on campus.
- > Re-plumbed and replaced two high-capacity heat exchangers at the HUB by working together with the building mechanical team.

CELEBRATING NEW STAFF!



GILBERT ORDUNA
GROUNDSKEEPER
STARTING JAN 9



JOSE PINEDA
SR. CUSTODIAN
STARTING DEC 19

STAFF MILESTONES

20 YEARS

Susan Chevrie
Sr. Custodian

15 YEARS

Ricardo Salinas
Grounds Equipment Operator

5 YEARS

Richard Hart
HVAC Mechanic



Irrigators Emiliano Benitez, Richard Bado, and Robert Dixon installing a new irrigation system on the west side of the Entomology Museum. (UCR/Mark Jones)

Custodial Services & Resource Management, Landscape & Refuse Services, and HUB facilities prioritized 81 projects for the winter break. These included drain installations, tree trimmings, plant material clean ups, irrigation replacements, dumpster cleanings, chair and table repairs, and deep cleans of classrooms, lobbies, elevator cars, restrooms, and stairwells.

One of the projects centered on a new, entomology teaching garden spray irrigation conversion to drip irrigation. Professor Erin Wilson-Rankin designed the garden and gained approval for the installation in collaboration with PD&C. Students will be planting native plant species in the new garden to observe and research local insects that feed on and live with the native plants.

HUMANITIES 1500 Carpentry, HVAC, paint, and electrical trades came together to make critical repairs after a leak from an upper floor flooded the area.



ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

FS / AUXILIARY SERVICES, AUX, SEPARATION

- Waiting for AUX agreement on financial terms.
- Notifying K5 once completed.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- ✓ Facilities Project Management Specialist position is posted at jobs.ucr.edu.

FAMIS 360 – WORK ORDER PROGRAM

- ✓ Completed purchase.
- Kickoff meeting discussed timeline for July 1 launch.

FS GUIDE TO SERVICES FOR CUSTOMERS

- Reviewing final changes.
- Communicating the changes with Orgs.

KEY POLICY

- ✓ Policy launched on January 3.

FLU SEASON

2022-2023 FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM

Reminder to update your flu vaccination info by January 30. Go to campusreturn.ucr.edu/flu-vaccine