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**OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT
AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS**

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Left to right: T.R. McNulty, Michelle Perez, Noel Lugo, Jeff Gnann, Carly Kupka (on laptop), Chris McMahon, Hikari Nakamura

Team Spotlight | Utilities Operations Management Team

UC San Diego's Utilities Operations Management team is responsible for implementing the campus comprehensive automatic meter reading (AMR) strategy. AMR infrastructure allows for near real-time data acquisition and analysis. The team and campus partners use the data to confirm building performance compared to design expectations and historical benchmarks so the campus can address issues promptly and efficiently. The team also uses the data to track consumption and building operation costs. This multidisciplinary team is comprised of meter technicians, electricians, business systems

and utilities analysts, and engineering and administrative staff who together ensure the success of our initiatives.

Over the past decade, this team has installed and programmed more than 1,800 water, electric, gas, chilled water and high-temperature water meters, transitioning to 1,901 total building-level AMR meters. These efforts have led to the creation of our [Energy and Water Dashboards](#) which organize and clearly display all this information.

We want to remind everyone of the important role that you play in reducing energy and water use. Simple actions like maintaining your thermostat at 74 degrees, using energy-intensive equipment during non-peak hours, closing fume hood sashes when not in use, and reporting water leaks can make a significant difference.

Triton Trivia

How many rides did Triton Transit provide in the 2024 calendar year?

Submit your answer [online](#) by Wednesday, February 26. The person with the correct, or closest, answer will win a \$25 Bookstore gift card.

Eligible employees can submit one entry per month and win one \$25 Bookstore gift card per calendar year.

January Question: How many utility meters are installed on the UC San Diego main campus? (This includes electricity, gas, chilled/hot water, potable water and reclaimed water meters.)

Answer: 1,901 | Winner: Rocio Moyna



Left to right: Bryan Hooks, Pablo Hernandez, Jaime Rocha, Assistant Chief Frank Johnson

Two Facilities Management Staff Receive Citizen Commendation Awards

Two Landscape Services staff members—Jaime Rocha and Pablo Hernandez—received Citizen Commendation Awards from the UC San Diego Police Department for their heroic and selfless actions in support of our Triton community. Their actions remind us that heroism can appear in the most unexpected moments. Thank you both for demonstrating the true meaning of courage and compassion!



Tiffany Swierk | Making an Impact

For Tiffany Swierk, participating in the Susan G. Komen 3-day, 60-mile breast cancer walk was an incredibly meaningful experience. She walked to honor loved ones who have faced breast cancer, celebrating survivors and remembering those we've lost. Every step was a tribute to their courage and resilience. Tiffany also wanted to raise awareness and contribute to a cause that saves lives, reminding others of the importance of early detection and support. Knowing the funds raised would provide resources and advance research gave every mile a sense of purpose.

Her journey was challenging but deeply rewarding. According to Tiffany, the sense of community was unforgettable—sharing stories, encouragement and hope with others united by the same mission was inspiring. The walk pushed Tiffany to her limits and taught her about perseverance and strength. Above all, the experience was about hope: hope for a future without breast cancer, hope for better treatments and hope that no one else has to endure this disease. "This event will always remain a powerful reminder of love, resilience and the incredible impact we can have when we come together to make a difference," said Tiffany.

OMCP Open Positions

Do you know anyone who may be interested in working us? We encourage you to refer qualified individuals to apply for our [open positions](#).

Coming Up...

Events and Announcements

- **UC Love Data Week February 10 – 14, 2025:** [UC Love Data Week](#) is a week-long offering of presentations and workshops focused on data access, management, security, sharing, and preservation. Whether you're working on qualitative or quantitative data, we've got events for you! All members of the University of California community are welcome to attend. Explore this year's presentations and workshops via the [calendar](#) or [agenda](#).
- Join [Prompting Practice for Generating a Great New Year](#) to learn techniques and best practices for effectively leveraging AI tools! Attend a virtual or in-person session to build practical skills for crafting effective prompts that enhance productivity, generate ideas, and streamline tasks using [TritonGPT](#) or similar AI platforms. [See session dates](#)

Reminders

- **Wildfire Support, Preparedness and Ways to Help:** Information on wildfire-related resources and ways to help those affected can be found on the university's [Wildfire Resources website](#). We encourage everyone to take appropriate precautions to prepare for potential disasters, like wildfires.
- **Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP):** FSAP is composed of a team of licensed, professional counselors who are just an email away to support our staff. FSAP is a confidential Employee Assistance Program (EAP) available to help our employees resolve concerns affecting personal well-being and/or job performance. The program also provides support for campus leaders, managers and supervisors; connections to local resources; and collaboration with HR units and other campus partners. [Learn more about FSAP services](#)

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