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# WATER RESOURCES DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2013-14

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### LANDSCAPE AUDITS

The Landscape Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) provided surveys for more than 35 acres of landscape and identified irrigation improvements for six of the SFPUC's largest San Francisco retail customers. The LTAP services are available to customers with over a half-acre of landscape.



The University of San Francisco received an LTAP evaluation to identify irrigation efficiency improvements at both their Lone Mountain and Main Campus.

# LARGE LANDSCAPE GRANT AWARDS

The Large Landscape Grant Program provided grant assistance to customers with over 2.5 acres of landscape that replaced inefficient irrigation systems and installed climate-appropriate plantings. In FY 2013-14, the SFPUC awarded nearly \$1 million to two projects at the Moscone Recreation Center and the north side of Alta Plaza Park.

#### LAUNDRY-TO-LANDSCAPE PROGRAM

The Laundry-to-Landscape Program provided 23 discounted graywater kits, workshops, and onsite technical assistance to residents who were designing, installing, and maintaining graywater systems that direct water from clothes washing machines into gardens.

Garden for the Environment is located at 7th Avenue and Lawton Street in San Francisco and offers free or low-cost public workshops nearly every weekend of the year. To register for a workshop, visit www.gardenfortheenvironment.org

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANTS**

During FY 2013-14, the SFPUC awarded five new community and urban agriculture gardens with funding to install dedicated irrigation water meters. Irrigation meters help garden sites monitor and efficiently manage water use.



Representative Nancy Pelosi attended the groundbreaking event for the new 1-acre Florence Fang Asian Community Garden that will produce fresh fruit and vegetables while showcasing native, water-efficient landscaping.

## DEMONSTRATION GARDENS AND GARDENING CLASSES

The SFPUC is an ongoing sponsor of the Water-Wise and Natural Plant Care demonstration garden in partnership with Garden for the Environment. Open to the public year-round, this site showcases small-scale urban organic food production, climate-appropriate landscaping, and water-efficient irrigation systems. The SFPUC also hosted 20 free workshops at the garden to help San Francisco residents create and maintain beautiful, water-efficient landscapes, and learn about non-potable water supply alternatives, such as graywater and rainwater harvesting.

