

# Big Gulp Lessons Learned on Providing P2 Tech Assistance to Food and Beverage Manufacturers

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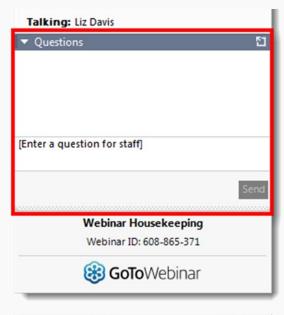
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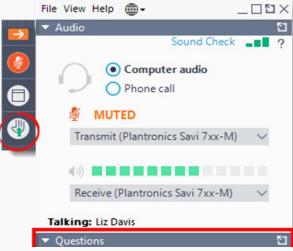
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# Big Gulp: Lessons Learned in Food and Bev Tech Assistance



- Mackenzie Boyer & Rain Richards Arizona State University School of Sustainability
- Josephine Fleming CA Green Business
  Program
- Donna Walden greenUp! and the NV Green Business Program

# Water Conservation for Food and Beverage Manufacturers

Researchers: Mackenzie Boyer, Rene Villalobos, Treavor Boyer, Rain Richard



# MARICOPA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL WATER USE ANALYSIS



November 27, 2017





## Water quality

- Hardness/salinity
- Influent variability



## Cost reduction

• Water bills



### Cooling water

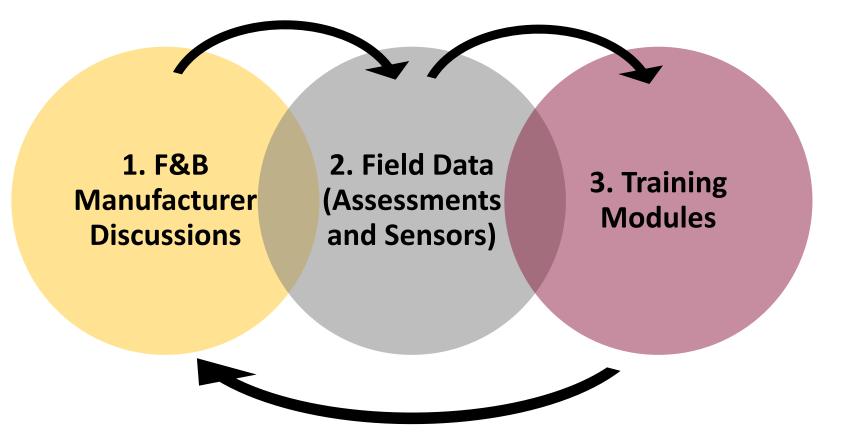
- Quantity and quality
- Blowdown and efficiency



## Water quantity

- Discharge volume
- Leak detection

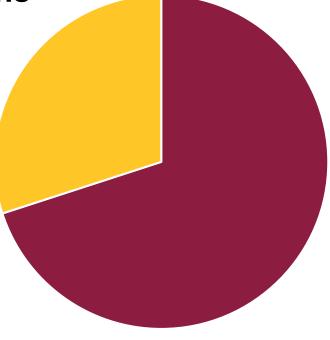
# **ASU Food and beverage project plan**



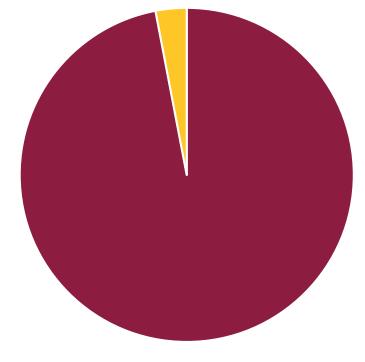
# **1. F&B Manufacturer Discussions**

## **Survey results: Industrial water users**

Water is critical to business operations



Interested in a "water community"







# **2. Assessments and Sensors**



- •Water Quality Concerns at a Dairy
- •Water Quality Concerns at a Bakery
- •Water Quantity Concerns at (another) Bakery

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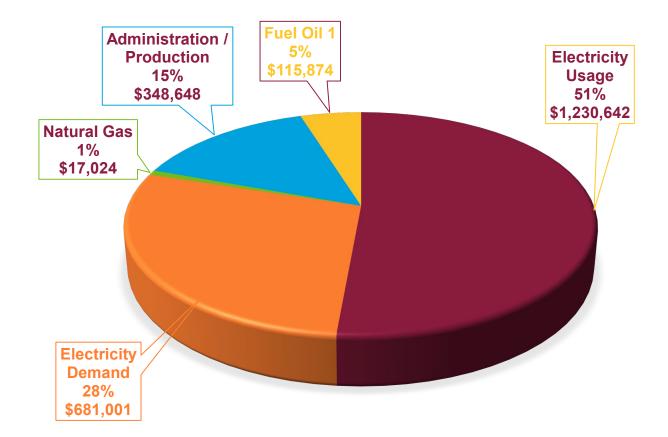
- No-cost energy assessments to smalland medium-sized manufacturers
- Improvements in energy efficiency, waste reduction, and productivity





# **IAC@ASU Statistics Since 2017**

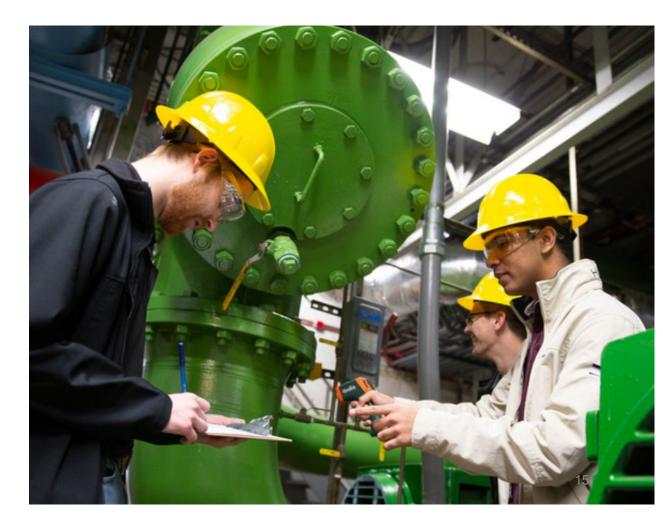
### **\$ Savings For Implemented Recommendations**



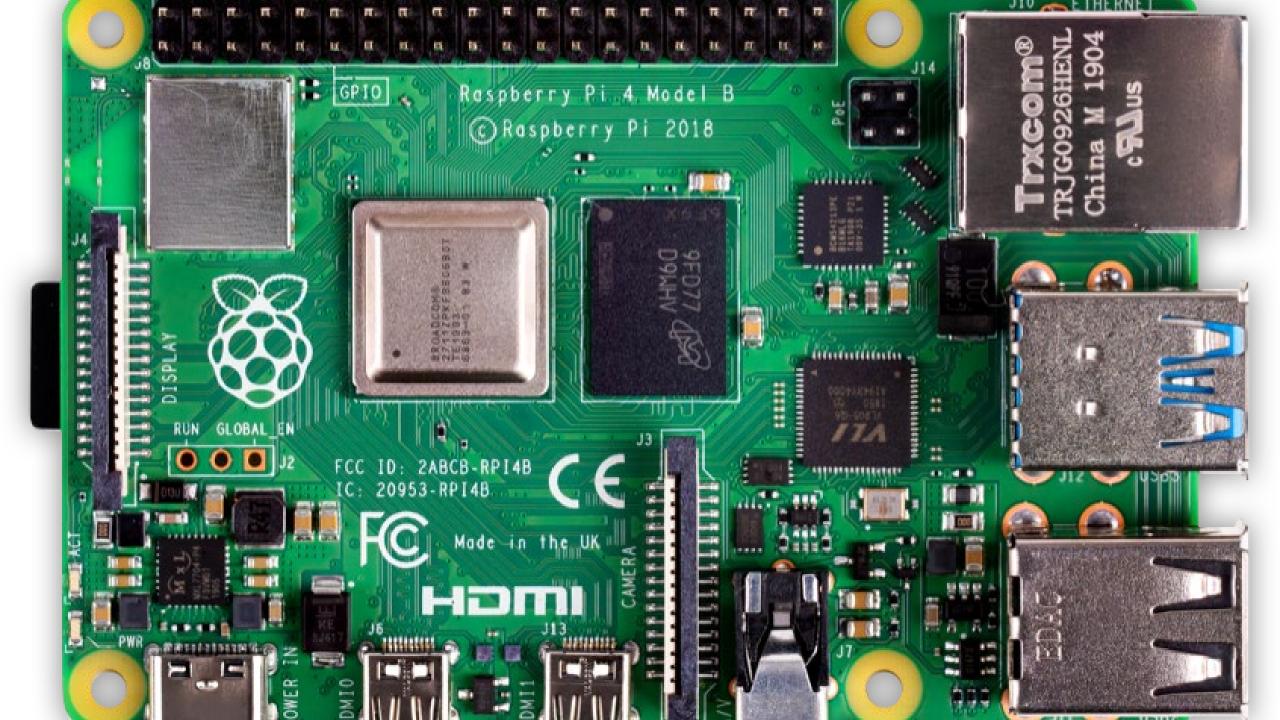
- 55 Assessments Completed
- 5.1 Recs per Assessment
- 34.9% Recs Implemented
- \$2.4 Million Saved in Implemented Recs
- \$30K Saved per Implemented Rec

## IAC@ASU Assessment Criteria

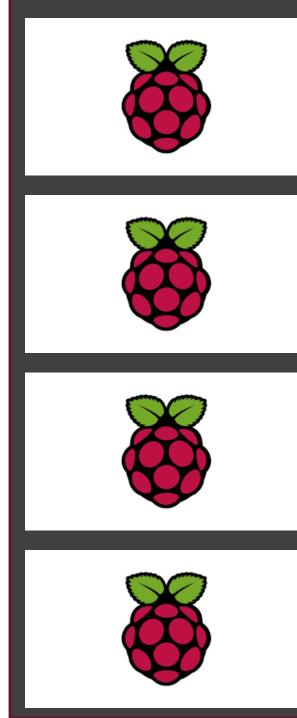
- Must be US Manufacturer
- Standard Industrial Code (SIC) Between 2000-3999
- Annual Energy Cost (per site) \$100,000 - \$2,500,000
- Gross Annual Sales (per site) Less than \$100 million
- Number of Employees (per site) Less than 500

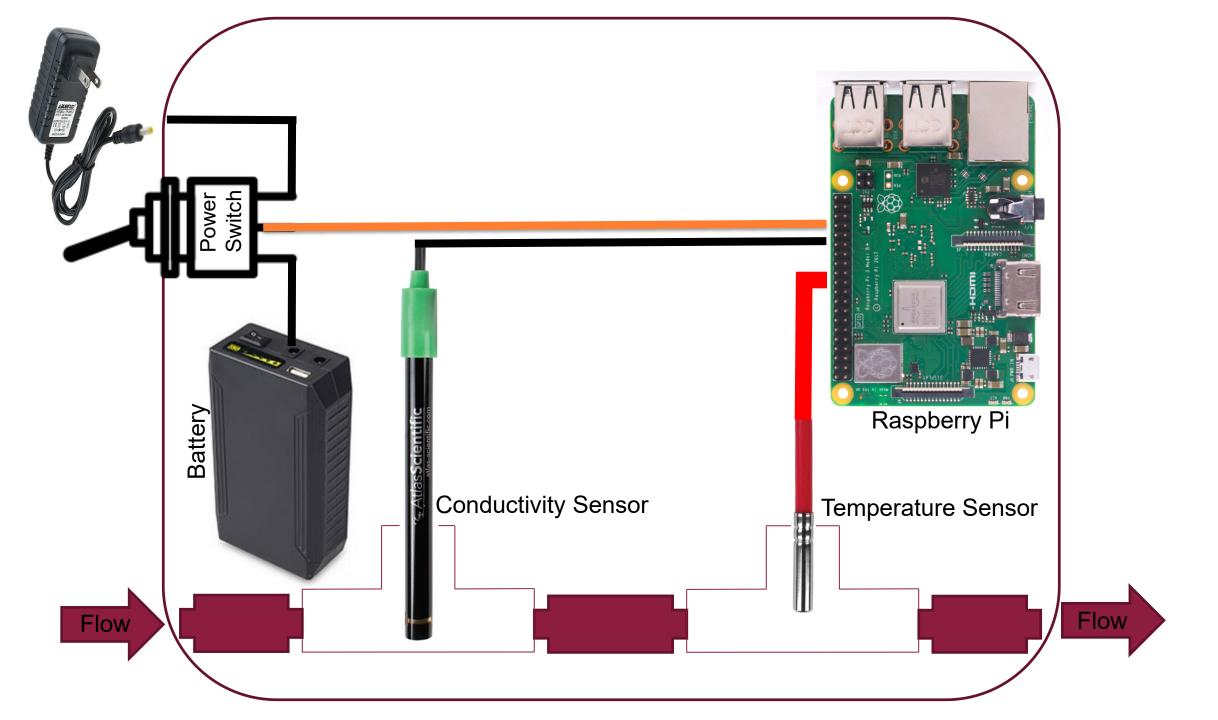


# **Sensor kits**



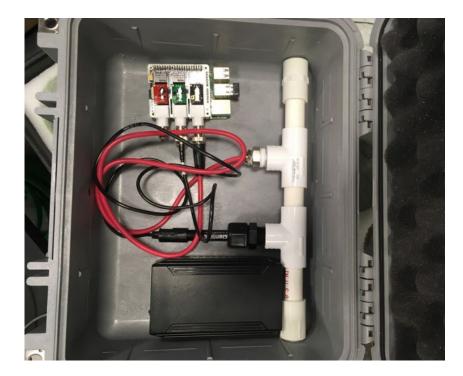
"The Raspberry Pi is a low cost, credit-card sized computer that plugs into a computer monitor or TV, and uses a standard keyboard and mouse. It is a capable little device that enables people of all ages to explore computing, and to learn how to program in languages like Scratch and Python. It's capable of doing everything you'd expect a desktop computer to do, from browsing the internet and playing highdefinition video, to making spreadsheets, word-processing, and playing games." https://www.raspberrypi.org/





# What's inside

Each sensor kit node contains a water quality sensor, Raspberry Pi controller, and power supply. Touchscreens allow for quick adjustments when sensor kit is deployed in a facility. These kits can be plugged in which allows for long term monitoring without battery recharge needs. Solar power for battery recharge is an option but has not been implemented yet.







# What can be monitored in a mobile kit?

- Conductivity
  - Issue with poor water quality when domestic water is used for production. High conductivity fouls equipment
  - Provide options to determine if blending should be considered or use alternate water source
- pH

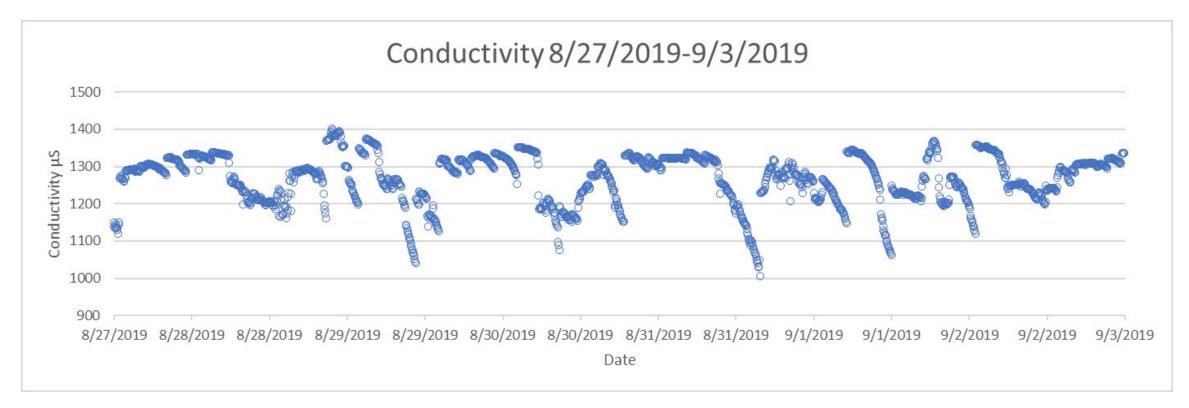
– Dishcarge permits may require specific pH setpoint

If it can be powered, it should be considered, become creative

# **Conductivity for dairy**

- Concern for dairy was drastic spikes in conductivity throughout the day and seasonally as well
  - Production line required very low conductivity water to maintain proper functioning
  - During high conductivity events, fine misters would clog quickly, and replacement would be necessary which is an added cost as well as creating down time

## What did dairy learn from mobile kits?



- Conductivity probes exist
- Conductivity probes are not expensive
- Conductivity probe(s) in correct location would allow decision makers to determine when to blend or if alternate water source should be sued

# What can't be monitored as a sensor, but is important

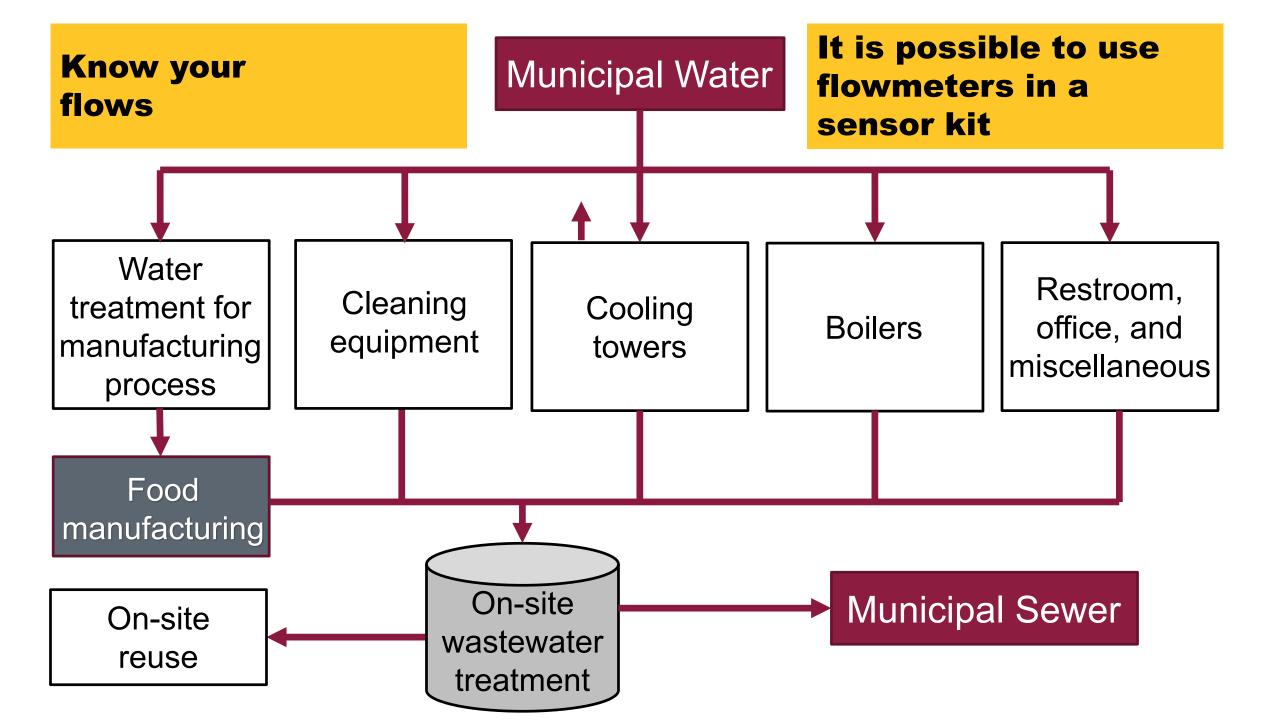
- Copper
  - Bakery had both erosion and corrosion issue with their domestic hot water supplying the building
  - Used chlorine dioxide as mitigation effort
  - Had not sampled water since treatment started
  - Traditional grab samples analyzed on ASU campus provided same day results to bakery

# **Results**

Location	First Draw Copper Concentration (mg/L)	Second Draw Copper Concentration (mg/L)	pH first draw	pH second draw	Conductivity (µS) first draw	Conductivity (µS) second draw
Cake pan wash north	0.21	0.23	7.8	7.9	2090	1789
Cold water sanitation north	0.22	0	7.7	7.7	1708	1736
Hot water sanitation south	0.24	0.22	7.8	7.9	1744	1719
Cold water sanitation south	0.32	0.17	7.8	7.8	1761	1719
City water (influent)	0	0	8	8	1514	1500

# What did bakery learn?

- Cu was within EPA limits
- City distribution was not introducing
- Unique findings
  - Conductivity inside the facility was higher at locations tested than city influent
  - Allows bakery to determine if next steps are necessary
- It is possible to measure city influent water and compare against what is inside the building in real-time
  - This is an item that would allow for the mobile sensor kit to be deployed again



Benefits	Raspberry Pi – Lynux based microcomputer (but there are others on the market as well)	Designed with communication in mind – not there yet, still work in progress	Can be used as stand-alone units
of mobile	Very quick, real-time monitoring of water quality without the need for a lab	Results can be uploaded and analyzed	Can weather the elements
kits	Can switch out for other sensors	Install is super quick	lf a sensor exists, could go mobile

# **Lessons Learned**

- Similar sectors will have different problems
- All facilities are unique for P2 opportunities
- Facilities have many competing priorities
- Knowing any problems/issues up front helps with site visits
- Site visits are critical for sensor install
  - Initial visit to understand problems and locations
  - Subsequent visit for install of sensor(s)



# **3. Training Modules**

"Hello! I'm Laurel, a conservation talent scout. Are you wondering what that means? I'm someone on the hunt for great examples of food and beverage manufacturing conservation related to water and energy. I'm working on a project to showcase conservation in the food and beverage industry."

# Save water and energy with us!

Seeking food and beverage manufacturers in Maricopa County, Arizona and surrounding areas to participate in free water and energy conservation program

Contact us: Mackenzie.Boyer@asu.edu



#### THE GREEN ECONOMY STARTS HERE



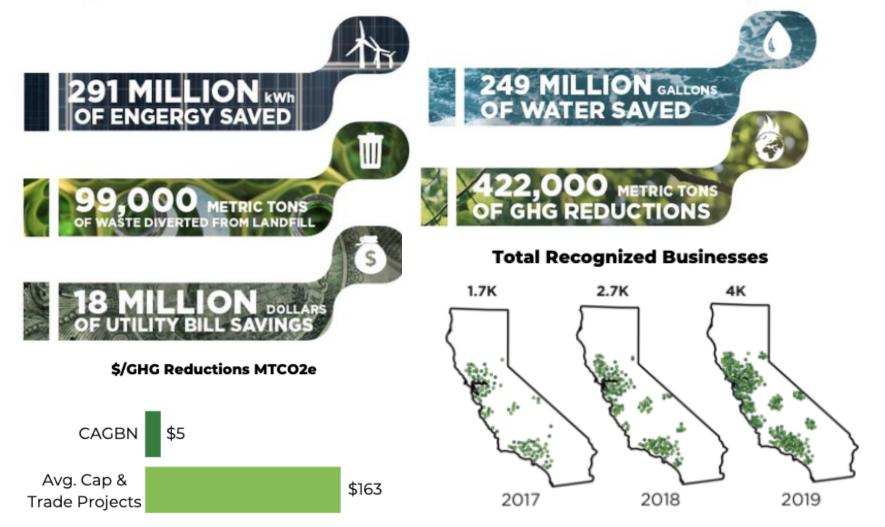
#### What do we do:

- 1. Provide technical assistance to businesses with an easy-to-use sustainability framework
- 2. Promote businesses that make changes that save money by conserving resources
- 3. Provide a green marketplace for consumers to vote with their dollars



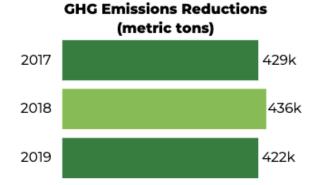
# **2019 BY THE NUMBERS**

The Green Business Network doesn't just help businesses operate sustainably. State funding has allowed our Network to reach a record number of resource savings.



#### Industries Served

- 30 Sectors
- Newest Sectors
  - Agriculture
  - Biotech
  - Food Manufacturers







# Efficiency and Resiliency through Best Practices

Workshops for Food Manufacturers

Presented by CAGBN, CARB and US EPA January 2018 Los Angeles, Fresno and Stockton

### Main Goals of our Food Manufacturing Outreach Project

- Understand Industry Imperatives/Mandates (food safety and accountability)
- 1. Identify and Involve Best and Most Trusted Industry Resources
- Glean Most Successful and Impactful Environmental Management Practices from Industry Leaders
- 1. Conduct 3 Workshops
- 1. Certify five food manufacturers. Work with ten.



**The Core Work Team:** Jessica and Wendy (US EPA Region 9) Judy (CARB) Elias and Emily (Ecology Action) Pam and Jo (CAGBN) Tetra Tech



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Food Processors Utilities Government Education Institutions

- Helped frame the agenda, content and speakers for the workshops
- Reviewed the performance standards



• Helped spread the word







Jessica Counts-Arnold, Environmental Pro from US EPA Region 9 and Jo Fleming fro breakout session.



Workshop attendees shared information best practices.

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Room set up and information tables at the Stockton workshop, hosted by the Stockton Chamber of Commerce.

Large turnout of vendors offered business assistance. support, and incentives to food manufacturers.



Jo Fleming, CAGBN, provided opening remarks and led the interactive, real time polls.



Results of the real time poll filled the screen!

### Workshops

2 became 3: Stockton, Fresno and Los Angeles

Great program partnerships were made in Fresno. Best business connections were made in Stockton and Los Angeles. Los Angeles was the highest attended, thanks to LA Industry.

Presentations from stars in the sector, Breakout sessions to discuss particulars. Presented the GBP as an incentive. We had great live polls that miraculously worked.



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# **Inspirational Success**

# Musco Family Olive Co.

Importance of corporate transparency and 3<sup>rd</sup> party certifications

## The Morning Star Company

Working with clients to perfect water & energy saving procedures

## Premier Mushrooms, Inc.

Continuous improvement in use of alternative energy sustainability as "journey"

#### Musco's Environmental Achievements by the numbers

- 8 billion olive pits transformed into carbon-neutral energy, annually
- 80% reduction in salt and mineral use since 1985
- · 90% of water recycled onsite
- 100% of wastewater kept onsite in a closed loop system
- 98.5% of waste diverted from landfill into reuse or institutional recycling

### What did we learn?

Businesses were and probably still are very preoccupied with food safety and quality.

Large industry association did not want to play with us but several smaller ones did.

Large food manufacturers are a very different beast from the small ones. Smaller one still willing to make meaningful changes.

The work can be technically challenging with each business having unique processes, opportunities and challenges.

There is a lot of variability from one facility to the next so it is a constant learning process.

More important to know the questions to ask.



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## **Certification Areas of Focus**





SOLID WASTE



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WATER



# New Community Measures



- Promote the use of locally-grown produce from health department approved commercial producers.
- Have a written Food Safety Management System (FSMS) to demonstrate safety and quality in the food chain.
- Choose food packaging with less environmental impact

(green material, lighter weight, reusable, recyclable, compostable).



### What did we learn from the workshops?

Stakeholders identified the following as the greatest uses of energy:		
Cold storage	Compressors	
Refrigeration during transportation	Heating and cooling water	
Pumps to move water	Chillers and cooling processes	
Sanitation using heat		



Finding common themes and P2 opportunities in food manufacturers can be difficult.

But we prevailed in some.





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Stakeholders identified the following as th conservation:	e greatest obstacles specific to energy
Taking a system off-line during upgrades	Heat is the preferred method for killing bacteria

#### Stakeholders recognized the following as the opportunities for energy conservation

Cleaning in place	Pre-cleaning
Using microwave or ozone to sterilize	Utility providers will conduct free audits and help provide ideas for energy reduction

# **New ENERGY Measures**



- Use Condensate Return for steam heat can be used again in another process.
- Use compressor sequencing to reduce equipment cycling on and off and save energy.
- Use compressed air recovery from a high-pressure process in another lower P process.
- Operate compressed air system efficiently: (1) Control the compressed air system (compressor and drier) and use compressor sequencing to operate only when needed. (2) Complete regularly scheduled maintenance and test the compressed air system for leaks every 3-5 years.
- Insulate heating and cooling ducts, especially if pipes pass through an area which is not heated or cooled.
- Place ovens in well-ventilated areas away from processes that require cooler environments.

New equipment purchases are made for optimal performance and results by including adjustable speed drives and right sized pumps.



## Per CLEAResult (Industry Consultant):

**Top 5 Food Processing Opportunities** 

- Lighting
- Condensate Return
- Process Optimization
- Variable Frequency Drives
- Waste Heat Recovery



# Case Study: VFDs on Water Pumps



### Significant energy savings for Olive Processor

CLEAResult recommended improvements to the plant's pumping system and secured incentives from PG&E

#### **Recommended Measure**

• Install 6 VFDs on 20HP pumps to control demand flow and alleviate cycling the pumps

### Results

Saved 126,084 kWhs in annual energy consumption

Incentive Payment Received from Utility = \$14,226

**Expected Payback =** 0.56 Years

# Case Study: Refrigeration Controls



### Significant energy savings for Baked Goods Manufacturer

CLEAResult recommended improvements to the plant's refrigeration system and secured incentives from PG&E

### **Recommended Measure**

 Install floating head pressure controls on the refrigeration system to reduce the work required by the compressor

### Results

Saved 50,967 kWhs in annual energy consumption

Incentive Payment Received from Utility = \$7,645

**Expected Payback = 3.96** Years

## Case Study: Heat Recovery



### Significant energy savings for Snack Food Manufacturer

CLEAResult recommended improvements to the plant's oven and secured incentives from PG&E

### **Recommended Measure**

- Upgrade new oven with a heat recovery system.
- Heat recovery system uses three heat exchangers to preheat oven intake air

### Results

Saved 99,955 therms in annual energy consumption

Incentive Payment from Utility = \$82,894

Expected Payback = 1 Year

# Case Study: Process Optimization



### Significant energy savings for Tomato Processor

CLEAResult recommended improvements to the plant's boiler system and secured incentives from PG&E

#### **Recommended Measure**

 Install a Reverse Osmosis (RO) system to improve the total dissolved solids (TDS) in the boiler and reduce boiler blowdown requirements

#### Results

Saved 167,744 therms in annual energy consumption

### Incentive Payment Received from Utility = \$160,082

Expected Payback = 1.37 Years

# Case Study: Process Optimization



### Significant energy savings for Butter & Cheese Producer

CLEAResult recommended improvements to the plant's CIP system and secured incentives from PG&E

### **Recommended Measure**

 Install a preheating system that utilizes waste heat from the cogeneration system for the Clean-In-Place (CIP) system

### Results

Saved 117,904 therms in annual energy consumption

### Incentive Payment Received from Utility = \$111,977

**Expected Payback =** 1.35 Years

### What did we learn from the workshops?

Stakeholders identified the following as the greatest uses of chemicals:		
Controlling rodents, birds, or other pests	Boilers	
Sanitizing, especially with bleach	Cooling towers	
Processing Wastewater treatment		

Stakeholders identified the following as the greatest obstacles specific to reduction in chemical use:		
Food safety	Worker safety	
Food quality effects	Chlorine is inexpensive and effective	

Systems with no or low chemical usage do not work as well for companies with highly seasonal operations.



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Stakeholders recognized the following as opportunities for chemical use reduction:		
Substitution: potassium for sodium salts but can increase usage	Alternative cleaning: dry steam cleaning, heat cleaning, cleaning in place, pre-cleaning, dry ice cleaning	
Alternatives to regulating the pH in the wastewater and alternatives to the sanitizers	Systems like Biofiltro which treat wastewater without chemicals	



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## New P2 Measures



- Eliminate Bisphenol A (a TRI-listed chemical) from inside can coatings.
- While remaining in compliance with food safety requirements, and where possible in your facility, use safer disinfecting and sanitizing materials and methods such as dry heat or steam, dry ice, microwave, ozone or peroxides in place of chlorine-based and quaternary compounds.
- For chemicals used as disinfectants, sanitizers, cleaners and for equipment maintenance, ensure proper formulation, concentration or level to reduce unnecessary usage. Give examples of process changes.
- Supply electric power for diesel-fueled supply trucks to reduce engine emissions from idling during deliveries.
- Use anaerobic digestion to treat organic waste to reduce methane (a powerful greenhouse gas) emissions from your process.
- Use some certified organic ingredients in your food or beverage production or preparation. Detail your organic ingredients or offerings in the notes.



### What did we learn from the workshops?

Stakeholders identified the following as the greatest causes of waste:		
Food processing byproduct: e.g. walnut shells, olive pits, mushroom stem cuttings	Wastewater including solid components like sludge	

animal feed

#### Stakeholders identified the following as the greatest obstacle to waste reduction:

Sending unused food to animals is difficult because of tightening requirements for animal feed (FSMA), especially transportation

Animal feed - too much uncertainty in acceptance requirements

Composting is not possible for some due to lack of space and odors affecting neighbors Compliance issues with DOT if the waste that is transferred is too wet (such as for reuse or SOLID WASTE

#### Stakeholders recognized the following as opportunities for reduction of waste:

Bring 100% of produce in from field	Vertical greenhouse
Donations to needy	Focused packaging
Reduce what hits the ground	Avoid spoilage; aligning waste goals with quality focus, demand projections, secondary uses and product uses from byproducts, e.g., mini-carrots, ingredients for soups
Weed control via robotics	







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## Top Waste Issues and BEMPs

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- Food waste is a big producer of GHGs and there is much food insecurity!
- Organics Look higher on waste hierarchy, not just at waste management.
- Improve process all along supply chain and inside the plant to reduce damage, contamination and waste.

## Top Waste Issues and BEMPs

SOLID WASTE

- New laws and risk policies divert organics away from tried & true channels for animal feed, restrict transport options.
- Misplaced fear of donating food for human consumption.

• Green Tip: Did you know? Effective January 1, 2018, the California legislature passed the "Good Samaritan Food Donation Act" (AB 1219), which amended the 1988 "Russell Bill" to provide even greater protection from liability for anyone who donates excess food to a nonprofit charitable organization or food bank. A copy of the full bill can be found here: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=201720180AB1219

## New Waste Measures



- Compost, recycle or repurpose any biosolids generated during wastewater treatment.
- Use reusable wrap for pallet shipments instead of plastic wrap.
- Donate excess food to shelters, food banks, or organizations that accept food scraps for animals.
- Have a written policy and plan to reduce damage, contamination and loss of ingredients or materials entering your facility and your process.
- Pre-clean produce or other food ingredients to reduce the risk of process contamination and waste of your finished product.





### What did we learn from the workshops?



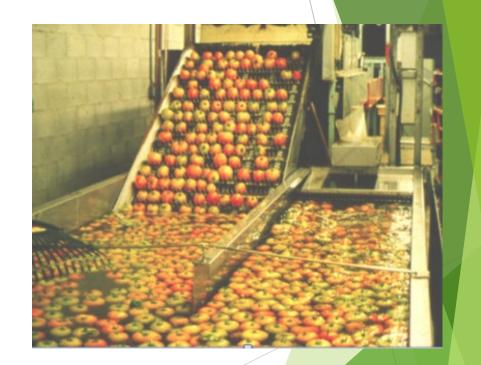
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Boilers	Reverse Osmosis		
Sanitation	Float/flume/soak	Equipment sanitation cannot be compromised	Discharge water may either be acidic or too salty for reuse and treatment is expensive.
Cooling Towers (Balanced)	Evaporation from pond aeration		Reducing water usage increases wastewater strength and may render it unfit for existing discharge options
Cooling sealed cans and bottles			
	1	Product washing during initial intake and post-	Most stakeholders had no experience with a
Stakeholders recognized the following as opp	ortunities for water conservation:	processing	dry system, so education about that process may be beneficial
Recycling water, including collecting condensate, automating water flow, and single pass through water	Cleaning in place	Cost of water is low on the supply side; whereas the often high cost of treatment and discharge is not tracked	Need for a way to economically clean the water and reuse.
Cleaning including higher pressure water and decreasing flow rate	Using dry vs. flume for product handling	<b>Competition</b> among other facility projects <b>for capital</b>	
Worker training; much of the cleaning/sanitation is done "after hours" making monitoring difficult	Wastewater treatment: off-season partnership?		
Easy to clean surfaces	Widely applicable project that would qualify for "cookie-cutter" project incentives	Ikon	GIESEN
Low temp (130-165 F) condensate that cannot be reused, but that could supply waste heat	Using plants that can withstand high salinity wastewater	ROASTERY	

# Water Conservation Measures

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- Use dry (or drier) methods of cleaning produce.
- Clean equipment in place, instead of disassembling it.
- Use low volume/high pressure cleaning methods.
- Use a process water reclamation system.



## Top Wastewater Issues & Measures

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- Reusing process water can increase pollutants in wastewater.
- Better pretreatment methods can reduce pollutant load and allow for re-use onsite.
- Rural sites may be able to treat wastewater using biobased methods.



## **Goals for Green Business Certification**

- ► Get 10+ businesses in the pilot.
  - ► Need 5 to complete certification.
- CAGBN has 16 food manufacturers certified and 27 more in process.
- First five: Straus Creamery in Marin County, Awe Sum Organics in the City of Santa Cruz, Alvarado Street Bakery in Sonoma County, Kitchentown in San Mateo County; and Ikon Roastery in San Mateo County.
- Bakeries, bread, coffee roasters, jams, creameries, etc.
- Combination of large and small manufacturers.
- They are really fun to tour!

### **Kitchen Town Story**

### **Commercial Kitchen and Food Business Incubator**

- 20,000 sq foot facility (serviced 400+ businesses)
- On-site cafe
- Certified to Manufacturers & Restaurant checklists
- Certified 2 additional businesses (worked w 5)

### <u>Leadership</u>

- Spearheading Zero Footprint in SMC
  - Restaurants add 1% fee for carbon farming
- Reusable To-Go Ware Pilot in SMC
  - Partnership and grant submission for *muuse* container/cup lending and drop-off program
- Hosted 2 food waste workshops for manufacturers with expert Dana Gunders from NRDC



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LEVERAGING THE P2 NATIONAL NETWORK TO BUILD THE NV GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM: STATE OF THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY IN NEVADA.

**US EPA Webinar:** 

BIG GULP: Lessons Learned on Providing P2 Technical Assistance to Food and Beverage Manufacturers By: Donna Walden, greenUP!









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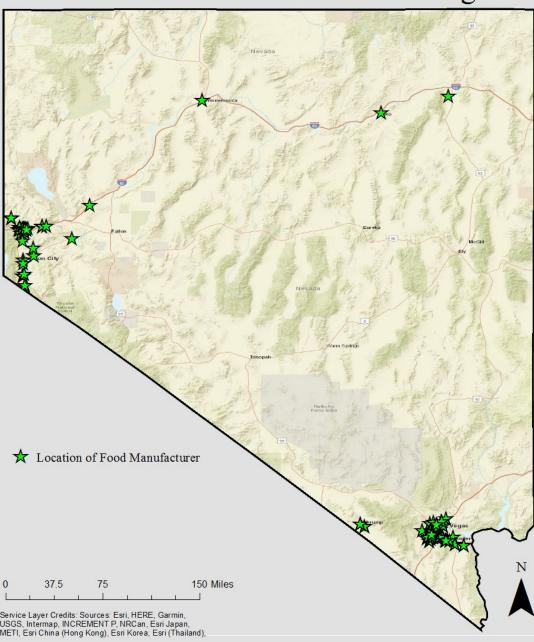


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### Distribution of Nevada Food and Kindred Product Manufacturing

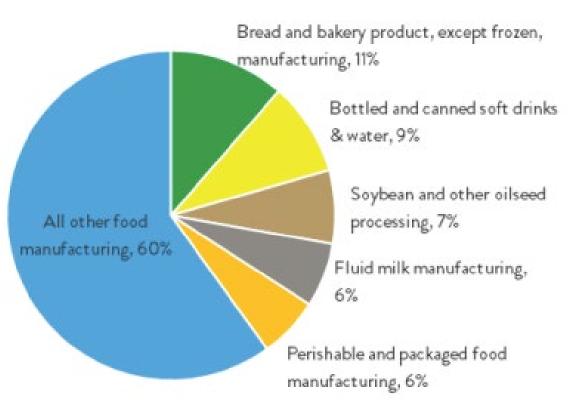


- 98 F&B manufacturers identified
- 9000 jobs and 280 F&B manufacturing companies
- Student from the UNR Community Based Research Program researched P2 challenges/solution in the following sectors:
  - Breads and cakes
  - Bottled and canned soft drinks
  - Soybean and canned oilseed processing
  - Fluid milk & cheese
  - Perishable and Packaged Food Manufacturing
  - Meat Packing Plants & Sausages; Other prepared meats
  - Dry, condensed and evaporated products
  - Candy and Other Confectionary & chocolate & Cocoa
  - Malt Beverages, Wines & Brandy, and Distilled Liquor
  - Coffee Roasted
- greenUP! researched the Breweries sector

## TOP FOOD & BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN NEVADA BY OUTPUT VALUE

Additional F&B Industries:

- Meat packing & sausage and other prepared meat products
- Dry, condensed and evaporated products
- Candy and other confectionary & chocolate and cocoa
- Malt beverages, wines and brandy & distilled liquors
- Coffee Roasted



#### Relationship Network: most common environmental challenges and the F&B industries that share them

#### F&B Targeted: <u>All industry's</u>

Common environmental and P2 challenges facing all F&B manufacturers. Top 5:

- Water pollution
- Solid waste production
- Air pollution
- High energy consumption
- High water consumption

All these concerns are addressed in GreenBizTracker

Of course, packaging is an issue for all manufacturers



## FOCUS ON GENERAL F&B CONCERNS

Although it is completely dependent on the individual industry, some possible sustainable solutions to mitigate these effects are:

- Safer and more effective wastewater treatment and recycling
- Educating industries on the possibility of the commercial sale of their recycled byproducts
- Transitioning machine operations to renewable energy, either electric or biogas could mitigate emissions from the energy intensive processing of the products
- Optimizing batch sizes to reduce the amount of water used in some processes, if possible

## TOP 5 HIGH IMPACT CHALLENGES DUE TO THE OUTPUT VOLUME OF THE INDUSTRY AND UNIVERSAL SOLUTIONS

- Habitat destruction
- Soil erosion
- Packaging waste pollution
- Nitrous oxide emissions
- Transportation impacts

- Improving grazing techniques to mitigate the effects of habitat destruction and soil erosion from the livestock industry
- Encouraging packaging materials with lower aggregate environmental impacts and using less packaging or bulk packaging when possible
- Promoting non-chemical-based fertilizers to reduce the emission of nitrous oxide

## NEVADA CRAFT BREWERS - TARGETED

- Nevada economy received a \$434 million boost from Craft Beer Industry in 2018\*
- Prior to COVID, there were 58 Nevada brewers listed under the National Brewers Association\*\*
- About 50% are located in Northern Nevada and 50% in Southern Nevada
- Reno-Sparks has a high concentration of craft brewers



## COMMON P2 CHALLENGES FACING BREWERIES

- High water usage
- Wastewater treatment
- Beer loss during processing
- Utilizing waste C02
- Large Amount of waste from spent hops and grains
- Packaging and recycling of bottles

## POSSIBLE P2 SOLUTIONS FOR BREWERIES

- Spent grains and yeast both have commercial value as feeding supplements for the animal feed industry
- Retrofitting bottling line to reuse water
- Use of lighter packaging materials, lighter glass bottles, PET (plastic) bottles or aluminum cans improves transportation efficiency
- Recycling waste including using spent grains for baked goods
- Using a microbial fuel cell (MFC) that can generate energy as it treats wastewater and turning waste into compost and fish food
- Energy Efficiency measures
- Using alternative energy to replace fossil fuel use

## STRATEGY

- After the P2 convening in Denver, I asked the network for example Brewery trainings
- Wanted ½ day training: NV businesses can't get away any longer than that
- Derek Boer, Pollution Prevention Specialist for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in Denver had a suitable model
- Lined up John Stier, Brewers Association Sustainability Mentor
- Pitched idea to the Nevada Craft Brewers Association; planned to combine <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> day training with their annual meeting
- Discussed Fall, then Spring and then COVID happened
- Need to move the training to a virtual model



## COURSE CORRECTION - NV BREWERS

- Virtual Training
- Virtual Brewery Tour?
- Plan for Winter 2021
- Virtual follow-up stakeholder meetings
- Technical assistance will be held virtually
- Benchmarking is on hold since some Breweries are currently operating at less than optimal capacity



## SUCCESS STORY

Great Basin Brewing Company Sustainability Initiatives The largest by product of the brewery process is the spent grain. When you brew over 2.5 million pints of beer a year you create a lot of grain.





#### WE BLEND THE GRAIN WITH LOCAL HONEY AND A FEW OTHER THINGS TO CREATE ARTISAN BREADS AND PIZZAS



## And we feed cows. A lot of cows.

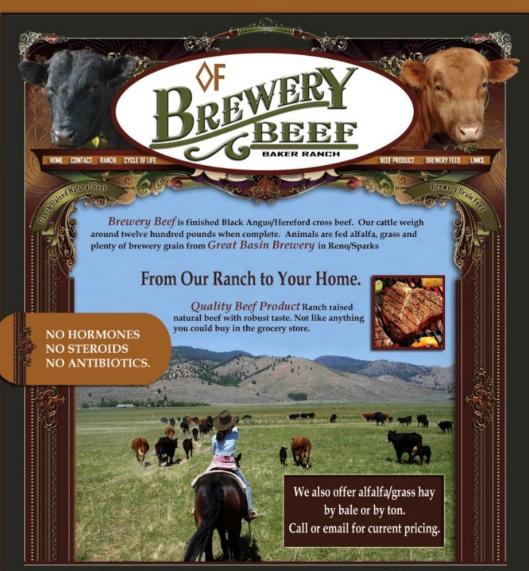
Our relationship with two local farmers allows us to avoid putting any spent grain in landfills. It saves us the cost of disposal, saves them the cost of the feed and creates a product that is unmatched for its quality.





We use the beef in our two brewpubs for specials like our 50/50 burger and our Baker Ranch Locavore Lasagna. Great Basin Brewing was farm to table long before it was a trend.





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## Nevada and the circular economy







Building an integrated system to collect, wash and resell refillable bottles

That is sustainable and economically viable



# **SUCCESSFUL PROOF-OF-CONCEPT PILOTS**









Ten Voluntary Gass Bottle Drop off Hubs & Collection in Truckee, CA Incentive based <u>Caft</u> <u>bottledropoff</u> Partnership with Nevada Caft Brewer Recenption Center Gass Sorting & Collection with California Waste Hauler

Wine Bottle Renew Northern California refillad ewine bottle washing business

# **NEVADA INCENTIVE BASED PILOT**













"Leave no Trace" is not just a catchy name for their new beer. It is something that drives the decision-making process from the top down. GB is proud of their place in the circular economy and will continue to support new initiatives and programs to, in the words of their Brew master Tom Young:

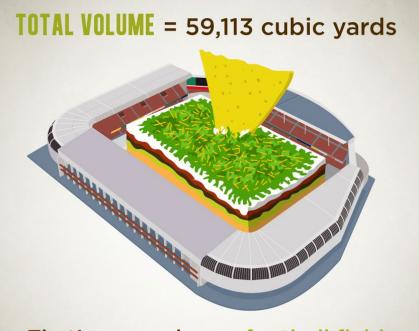
"Help make this world a better place one pint at a time."







#### **HOW MUCH STUFF?**



That's as much as a football field full of a 28 ft high 7 Layer Bean Dip!

Reno-Tahoe businesses and communities send TONS of perfectly compostable stuff to landfills. Instead, Full Circle can recycle this organic waste (green waste, food waste, biomass) into soils, compost, and mulch benefitting our community and the environmental health of our entire region.



Get your eyes on the greenhouse gasses we avoided by recycling and composting rather than landfilling.

Based on the EPA's WARM (Waste Reduction) Model: 33,000 cars worth of CO2 emissions were off the road

## Many Benefits For The Soil

### SUMMARY & TIPS

- Foundational work completed on F&B Manufactures
  - Researched Industry Sectors
  - Identified manufactures
- Launch technical assistance in 2020-2022
  - Breweries
  - All F&B sectors via virtual trainings
  - Track environmental outcomes via GreenBizTracker & P2 Grant Business Facility-Level Reporting template
- Bring in experts from other states to help facilitate P2 programs