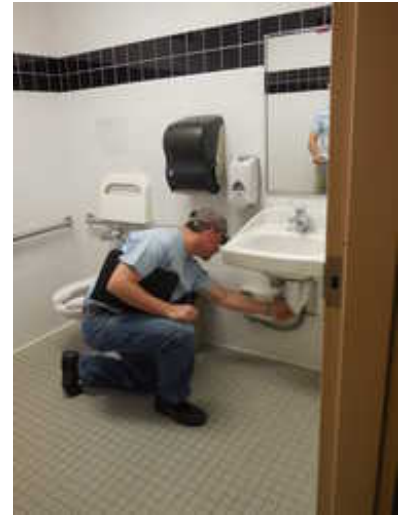


Green Building Council conducts water audits at schools

A volunteer checks for water leaks.

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Members of the [U.S. Green Building Council Central California](#) conducted water audits at local schools on Saturday to help campus officials save and rethink water use during the drought.

Thirty volunteers with backgrounds in architecture, engineering and construction checked schools in the Sierra Unified School District for leaks and helped building officials review the water technology they use to for efficiency.

The audit was part of the international Green Apple Day of Service initiated by the national green building council to transform all schools into healthy, safe and productive learning environments through local service projects, said Laura Gromis, the Central California council's executive director.

The goal "is to bring together professionals and students in engineering, construction and architecture to help schools become part of the solution to address our water scarcity," she said.

The local chapter trained volunteers, in collaboration with the city of Fresno and [Teter Architects and Engineers](#) in Fresno, to conduct the audits.

The findings: leaky faucets and missing aerators.

Volunteers also got an overview of "the amount of low-flow fixtures and toilets already installed," Gromis said.

The team is preparing final reports for the schools which will highlight no-cost, low-cost and investment opportunities to save more water.

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