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Stick a Barnacle On It

A Water Saving Pilot Program

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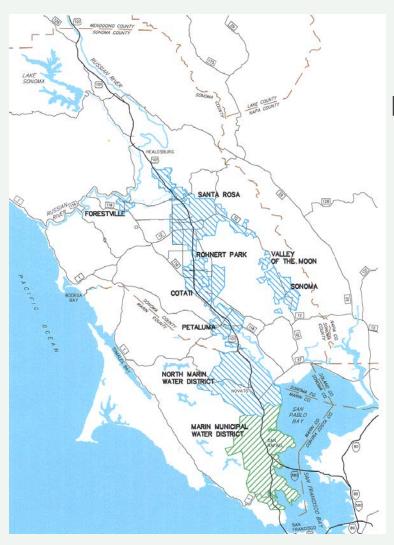




Agenda

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Sonoma County Water Agency

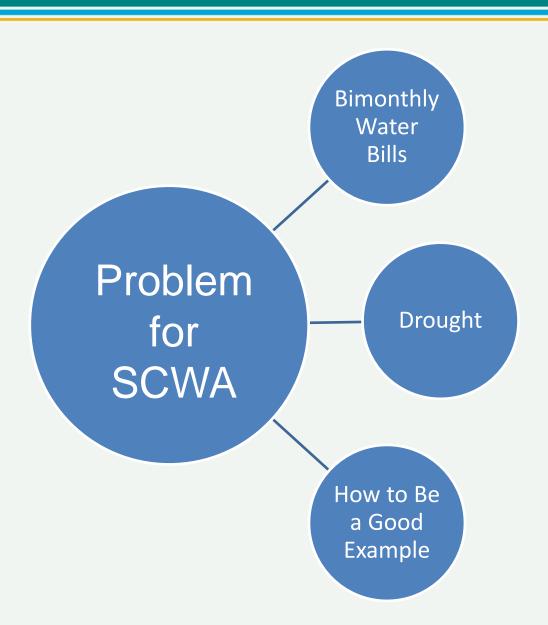


Wholesale water provider to retailers in Sonoma and Marin Counties, CA

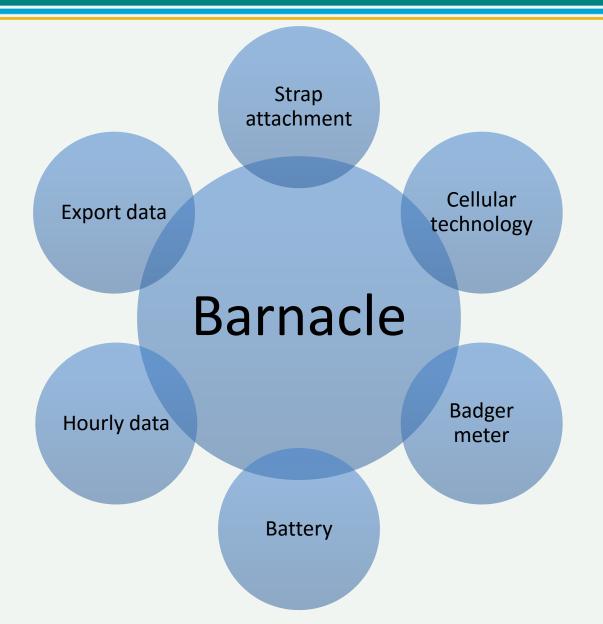
600,000 water customers

Offering water-use efficiency programs through retailers since 1998

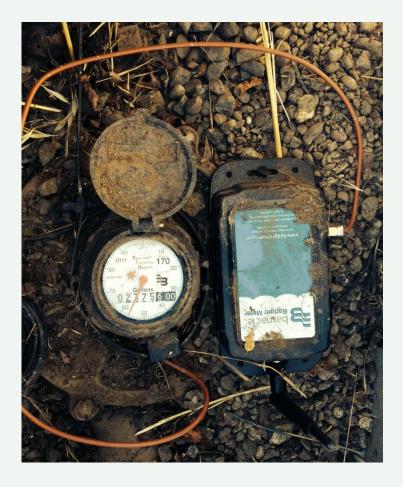
Background



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Pilot Program

- November 2014
- 69 locations in Sonoma County
- Participants:
 - Hospital
 - School district
 - Business park complex
 - Single family residence
 - Municipal owned park

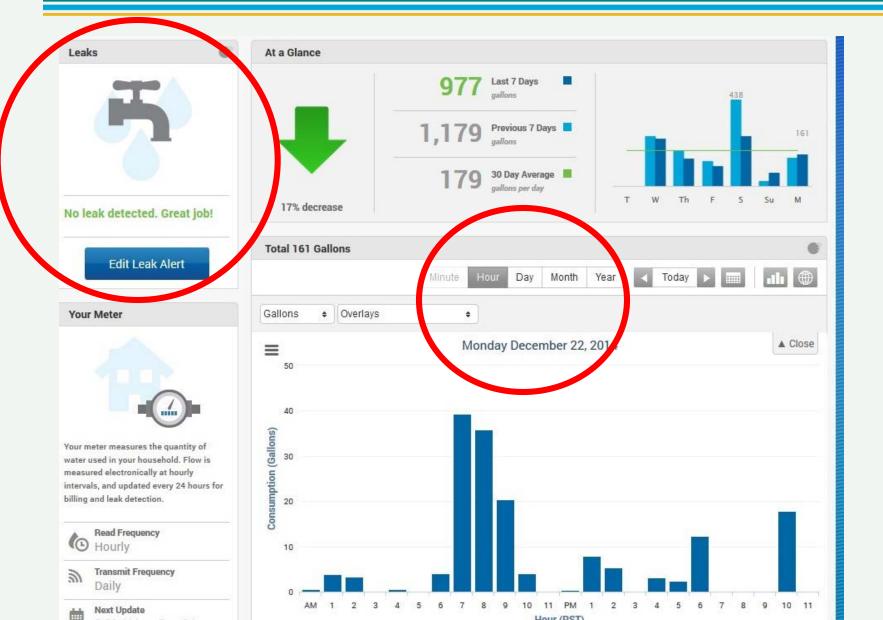


Pre - Launch

- In person training
 - City staff
 - Main contact
- Water History Release Form required
- Participate Form Required



Online Platform

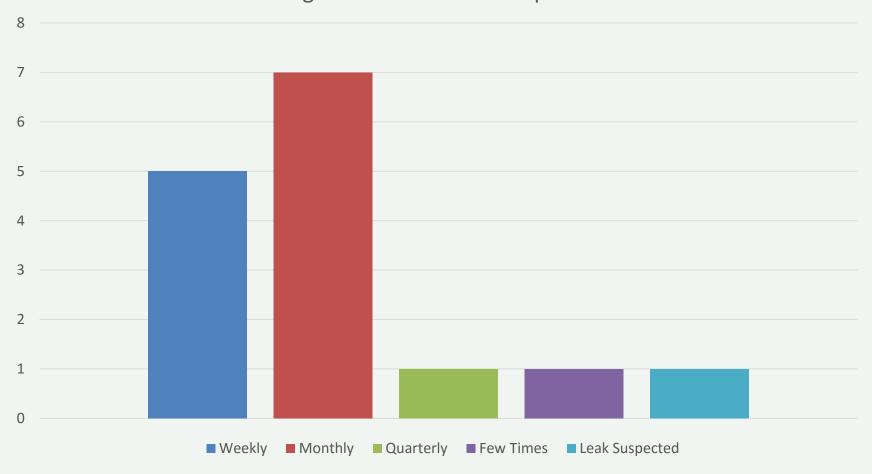


Leak Prevalence

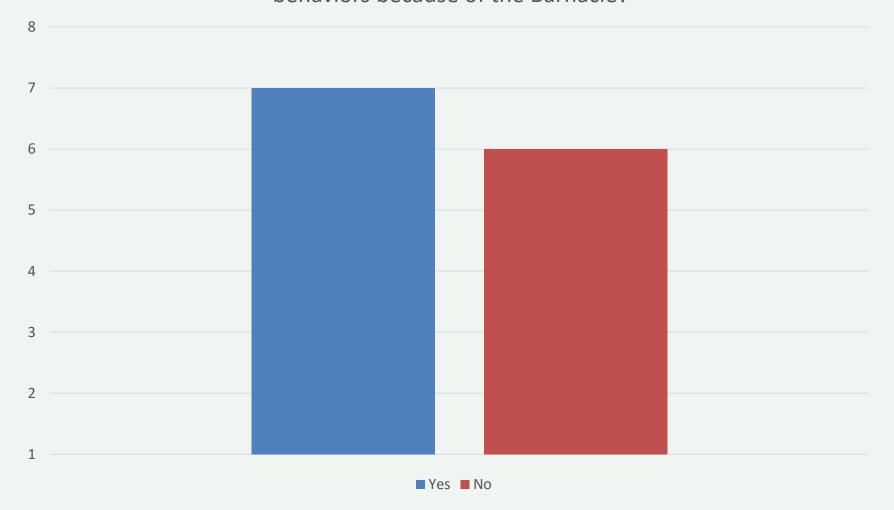
- 30% of entities on average
- 13 days (on average) left leaking
- 0.3 gallons/hour 500+ gallons/hour
- Disconnect with facilities



On average, approximately how often did you check your water use through the Barnacle online platform?



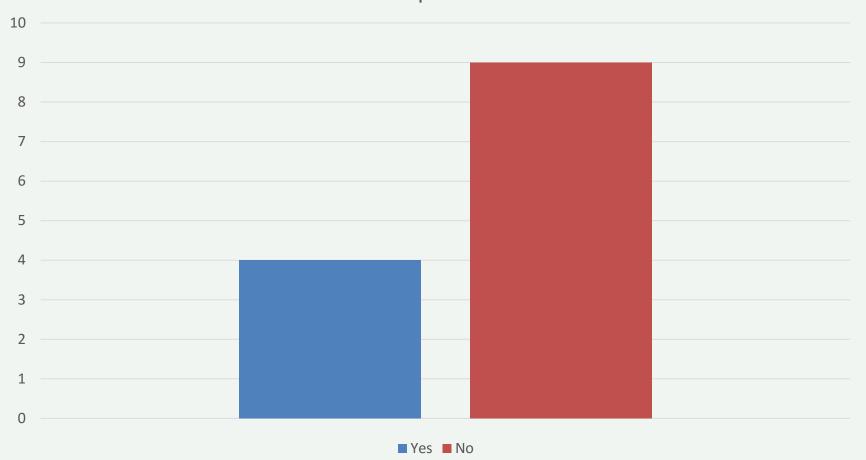
Did your company implement any water savings measures or behaviors because of the Barnacle?



"All staff and residents are aware of our barnacle which has tied in perfectly with the drought. We have all discussed, from turning off (the water) while shaving to using less water when washing dishes, cut back and repairs with irrigation..."

- Staff at Retirement Facility

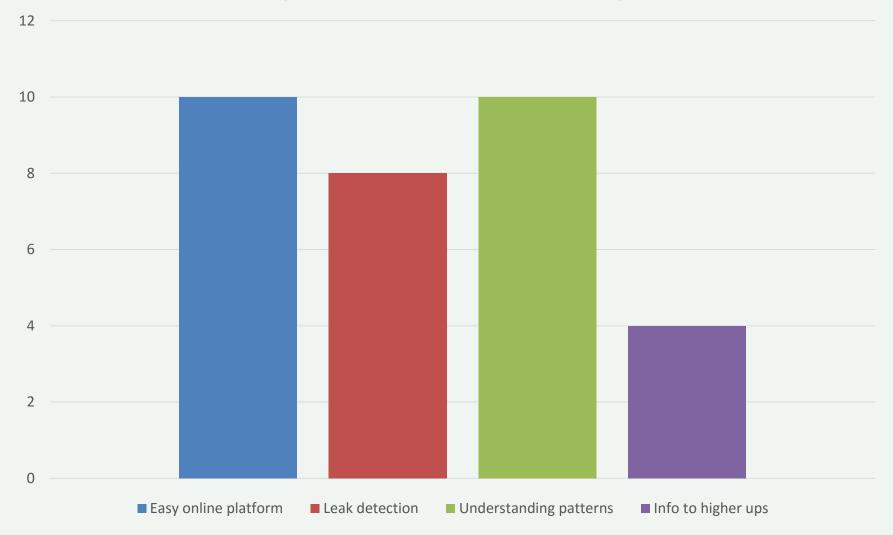
Did you use the leak alert email notice service through the Barnacle online platform?



"I was able to track how much water my drip system used and realized that the timer was set incorrectly after a power failure resulting in daily watering, not every 3 days. By using the Barnacle I was able to find and correct this problem sooner."

- single family customer

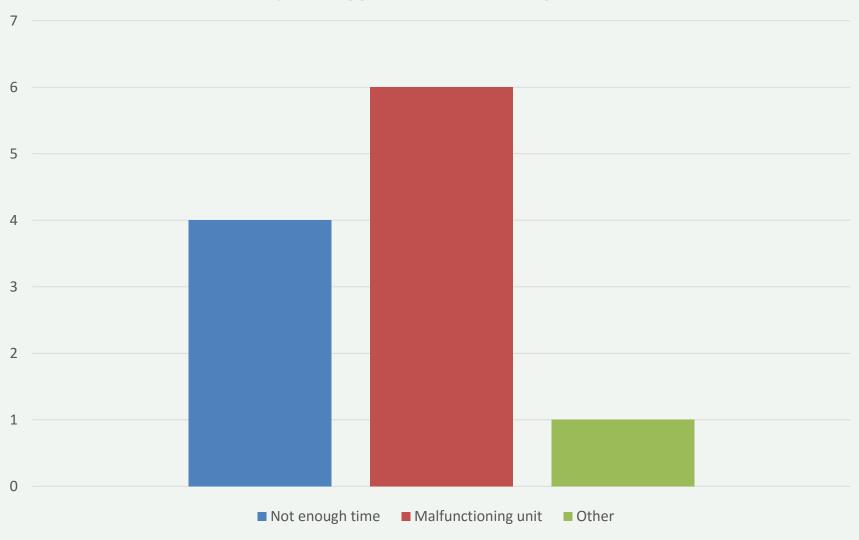
What did you like most about the Barnacle platform?



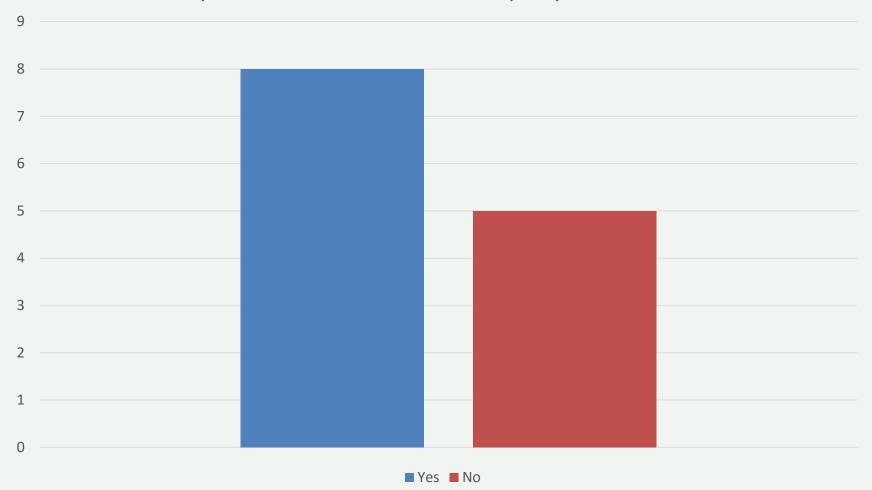
"We were able to view when the leak started and if we thought we fixed the issue. It was great to be able to view the activity without having to visit the site. Sometimes, it simply requires the landscaper to respond, make an adjustment, then we can confirm from our office that it had been fixed."

Property management company

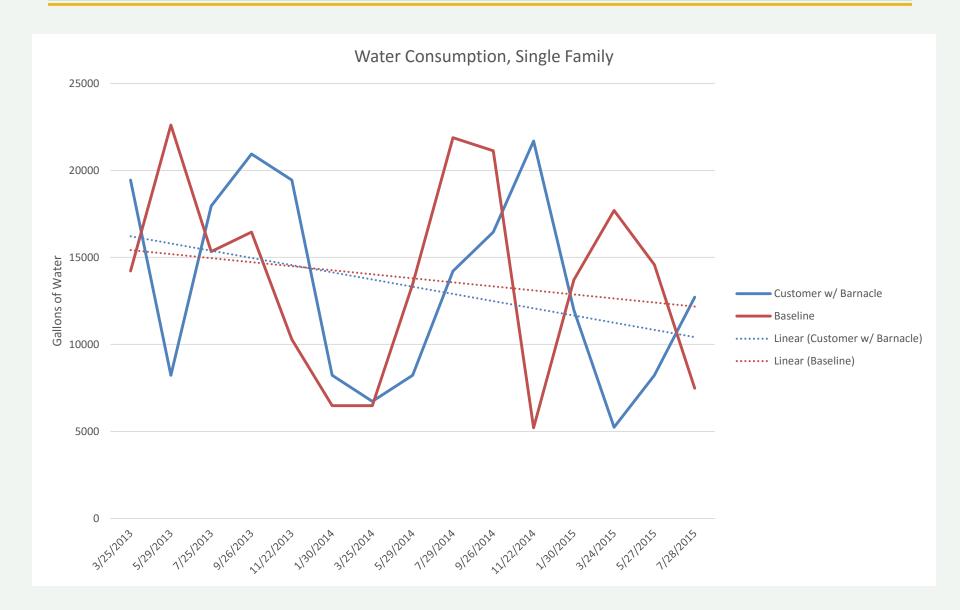
What was your biggest hurdle in using the barnacle?



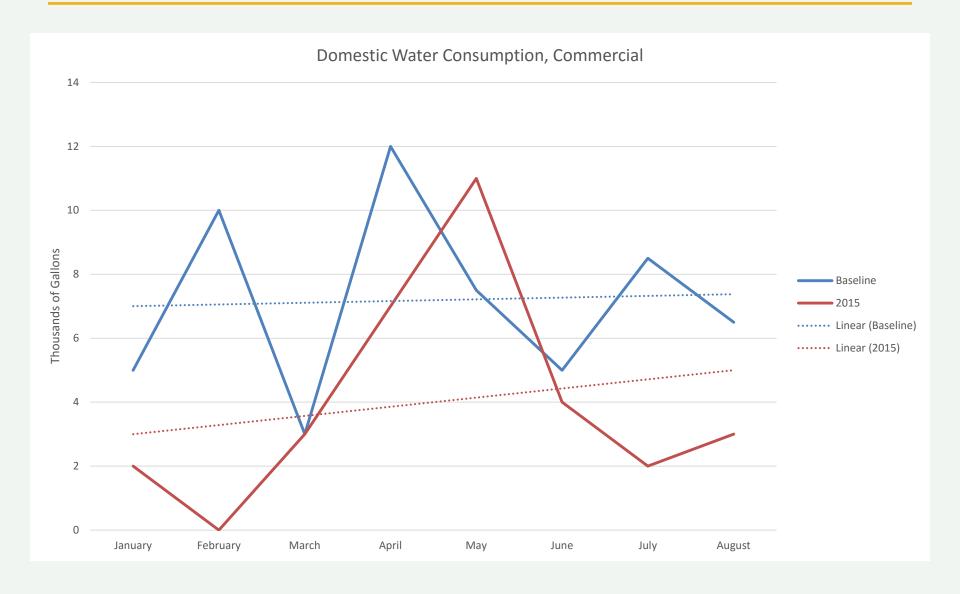
Do you think that the Barnacle helped you save water?



Case Study 1

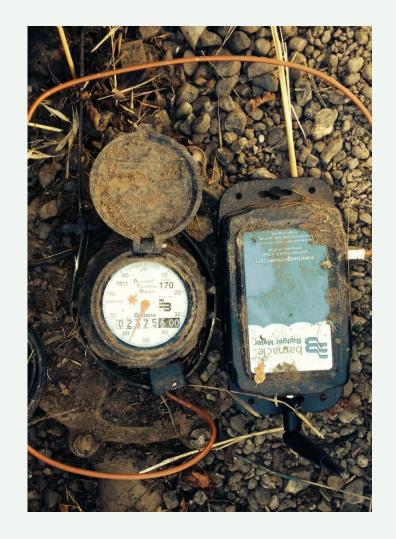


Case Study 2



Final Thoughts

- Disconnect within the company
- More training needed
- Good customer service



Questions?

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