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SMUD approves principles for reducing greenhouse gases

Joins other California community-owned utilities

The SMUD Board of Directors voted yesterday to adopt principles for reducing greenhouse gases, joining other community-owned utilities in California in responding to the threats posed by global climate change.

“Adopting these goals is in keeping with SMUD’s environmental policy, and officially adds SMUD’s support for a collective response by California’s municipal utilities to reduce greenhouse gases,” said Board President Genevieve Shiroma.

The principles were developed by the California Municipal Utilities Association to meet California’s goals for reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases while preserving the local decision-making abilities of the community-owned utilities.

The six principles pledge that SMUD will:

- develop a greenhouse gases reduction plan;
- first acquire all available cost-effective, reliable and feasible energy efficiency and demand reduction resources when acquiring energy;
- then pursue renewable energy supplies and other non-greenhouse gas emitting energy resources and clean fossil resources;

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- support standardized mandatory greenhouse gases reporting;
- provide measurement and verification of programs that reduce greenhouse gases emissions; and
- provide education for its customers on ways that they can reduce their greenhouse gases emissions and provide assistance where feasible.

The complete text of principles can be seen on SMUD's Web site at smud.org.

SMUD is an environmental leader among U.S. utilities and is celebrating its 60th anniversary of delivering reliable electric service and low rates.

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