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Lowe's wins SMUD award for responsible energy stewardship

SMUD Board recognizes energy-conscious commercial customer

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is honoring Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, Inc. for its overall commitment to implementing energy efficiency measures to reduce energy consumption and promote environmental protection.

The SMUD Community Energy Award honors commercial customers who share SMUD's values of efficiency and environmental sensitivity, and who have turned these beliefs into actions. These customers have controlled their energy usage, improved their bottom line, and reduced the amount of energy that must be generated for our region.

This award recognizes the achievement of Lowe's for participation in SMUD's commercial energy efficiency program. Lowe's retrofitted its Citrus Heights store as well as its stores in Folsom and Elk Grove with energy-efficient, T8 fluorescent hi-bay lighting, replacing the older energy intensive 400-watt metal halide lighting. The projects resulted in substantial energy savings of 285.6 kilowatts and 2,311,833 kilowatt hours. These lighting improvements will contribute significant benefits to the environment. Besides reducing the environmental impact of power generation by providing the equivalent electricity needed, on average, to power 214 homes for one year, Lowe's energy efficiency efforts will also help improve air quality. The resulting energy savings from their projects is equivalent to removing 3.2 million pounds of CO2 emissions, planting 431 acres of trees each year, and removing 279 cars from the road for one year.

Lowe's is also participating in the SMUD Savings By Design program in the construction of their new Rancho Cordova store. Participation in that program will ensure the design and construction of the new store considers and incorporates all possible energy efficiency opportunities.

"Lowe's is an excellent example of a SMUD customer doing its part to help our community by reducing its energy use," said Susan Patterson, SMUD Board President. "Hopefully, more customers will follow Lowe's lead and take advantage of SMUD programs that can help them save money and benefit the entire community."

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Lowe's is a retail home improvement and appliance store that began as a single neighborhood hardware store in North Carolina in 1946. Lowe's is now the second largest home improvement store after Home Depot and now serves over 13 million customers a week in over 1,400 stores in 49 states.

To be eligible for the SMUD Community Energy Award, commercial customers must share SMUD's strategic directives in environmental protection and efficient energy use. The customers also incorporate the innovative use of emerging or new energy technologies. One customer is chosen in each of the seven SMUD Board wards.

For more information about SMUD's commercial programs that can save businesses money on electric bills, visit smud.org.

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Suggested caption: SMUD Board President Susan Patterson (right) presents Ron Latta, John McCallister and Aimee Cooper of Lowe's with a SMUD Community Energy Award. The award honors commercial customers who share SMUD's values of efficiency and environmental sensitivity, and who worked with the utility to turn these beliefs into actions.

