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## **San Juan Unified School District wins SMUD award for responsible energy stewardship**

*SMUD Board recognizes energy-conscious commercial customer*

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is honoring San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) for its overall commitment to implementing energy efficiency measures to reduce energy consumption and promote environmental protection.

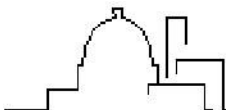
The SMUD Community Energy Award honors commercial customers who share SMUD's values of efficiency and environmental sensitivity, and who have turned these beliefs into actions. These customers have controlled their energy usage, improved their bottom line, and reduced the amount of energy that must be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

The mission statement of San Juan Unified School District begins by stating that the District will provide an environment that enables all learners to reach their individual potentials. A key element in providing such an environment is ensuring that the classrooms are well lit and properly air-conditioned while controlling energy costs. SJUSD has proven itself to be one of the best school districts in the nation when it comes to this measurement. This award recognizes San Juan Unified School District's efforts to improving its energy efficiency and environmental footprint. Its many successes include the following:

- Fifty four of the District's schools qualify for the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star certification, meaning that, compared with other schools nationally, SJUSD schools are in the top 75<sup>th</sup> percentile or greater in energy efficiency. Furthermore, 38 of the 54 are in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile or greater. This represents significant energy cost reductions when compared against less efficient school districts both here in the Sacramento region and nationally.
- Six of the District's schools have completed the Energy Star certification process. They are: Will Rogers, Arcade, and Andrew Carnegie Middle Schools, Sierra Oaks K-8, and Albert Schweitzer and Northridge Elementary Schools. These are the only schools in SMUD service territory to have achieved this award.

"San Juan Unified School District provides excellent leadership among business customers and helps our community by being more energy efficient," said Renee Taylor, SMUD Board Ward 1 Director. "Hopefully, more customers will follow the school district's lead by taking advantage of SMUD programs that can help them reduce energy and save money."

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San Juan Unified School District is one of the largest school districts in the Sacramento region with 71 schools and education centers serving more than 40,000 students in Sacramento, Arcade, Arden, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, and portions of Folsom, Gold River and Orangevale.

To be eligible for the SMUD Community Energy Award, commercial customers 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](http://smud.org).

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**Suggested caption:** SMUD Ward 1 Director Renee Taylor (right) presents Larry Masuoka, Lucinda Lutgen and Cynthia Jensen of San Juan Unified School District 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.

