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Los Rios Community College District wins SMUD award for responsible energy stewardship

SMUD Board recognizes energy-conscious commercial customer

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is honoring Los Rios Community College District (LRCCD) 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 LRCCD's efforts to improving its energy efficiency and environmental footprint. Its many successes include the following:

- Most recently, the District replaced their outdated pneumatic control systems at their Sacramento City, Cosumnes River, and American River College campuses with state of the art direct digital controls, variable speed drives, and carbon dioxide sensors.
- As a result of these improvements, the three campuses will reduce their energy consumption by more than 3.2 million kilowatt hours per year for an annual savings of approximately \$289,000. The annual emissions reduction of over 3.5 million pounds of CO₂ associated with this project is equivalent to removing over 300 passenger cars from the road per year.

“Los Rios Community College District provides excellent leadership among business customers and helps our community by being more energy efficient,” said Howard Posner, SMUD Board President and Ward 3 Director. “Hopefully, more customers will follow the school's lead by taking advantage of SMUD programs that can help them reduce energy and save money.”

Los Rios Community College District operates in a 2,400 square mile service area that includes Sacramento and El Dorado counties, along with parts of Yolo, Placer, and Solano counties. With more than 80,000 students, Los Rios Community College District operates four traditional campuses and ten outreach centers.

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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.

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Suggested caption: SMUD Board President Howard Posner (right) presents Vince Montoya and Mike Goodrich of Los Rios Community College 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.

