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Sacramento City 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 Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) 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.

SCUSD's commitment to excellence is incorporated into every facet of its operation. With five schools receiving honors as California Distinguished Schools and five others receiving the Title I Academic Achievement Award, SCUSD is recognized as a leader in progressive education. In addition to its academic honors SCUSD also sets the bar in energy efficiency. This award recognizes SCUSD's efforts to improve its energy efficiency and environmental footprint. Its many successes include the following:

- The District has continuously partnered with SMUD to ensure that the installation of lighting, HVAC, refrigeration, and new construction projects are designed to exceed the state's Title 24 building code energy efficiency mandates. SCUSD is also partnering with Energy Education, Inc. with hopes of further reducing its energy costs by hundreds of thousands of dollars per year through behavior modification.
- The installation of personal computer management software that will ensure all 14,400 computers throughout the District will be shut off every evening and on weekends reducing their energy consumption by over 2.3 million kilowatt hours per year.
- The savings represent enough energy to power more than 275 households for a full year and save the school district more than \$250,000 annually. It will also reduce more than 12.5 million pounds of CO2 emissions per year, the equivalent of removing more than 200 cars from the road.

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“Sacramento City Unified School District provides excellent leadership among business customers helping our community by being more energy efficient,” said Larry Carr, SMUD Board Ward 6 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.”

Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) is one of the largest and oldest public school districts in Northern California. To meet the demands of its 50,000 K-12 enrollment and 20,000 adult education students SCUSD operates 88 schools in the City of Sacramento.

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 Vice President Bill Slaton presents Roy Grimes of the Sacramento City 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.

