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Paul Menard Associates wins SMUD award for responsible energy stewardship

SMUD Board recognizes energy-conscious commercial customer

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is honoring architectural firm Paul Menard Associates, AIA 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 Paul Menard in designing a ground source heat pump system for his 5,400 square foot office building tenant improvement. In the Sacramento area this type of system is not commonly used in small commercial construction.

The system exceeded the Title 24 building code standards at the time of design and still exceeds the Title 24 standards in effect today. A ground source heat pump provides heating, cooling and hot water by using the earth's ability to absorb and store heat energy. It is 30 percent more efficient than the more commonly used air-cooled units that are typically found in this type of small commercial facility. The use of heat pump technology also helps reduce oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and the carbon footprint.

"Paul Menard Associates provides excellent leadership among business customers helping our community by being more energy efficient," said Bill Slaton, SMUD Board Vice President and Ward 7 Director. "Hopefully, more customers will follow Paul's lead by seeking greater energy efficiency than the commonly used Title 24-compliant equipment when designing new commercial buildings."

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.

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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 and Ward 7 Director Bill Slaton presents Paul Menard of Paul Menard Associates 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.

