Exhibit to Agenda Item #2

Provide the Board an informational briefing on federal legislative activities.

Board Policy Committee and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2020, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting (online)
Washington Update

2020 in review

Election results

A look ahead…

Questions
2020: A Year that Defied Description

Year begins with peak partisanship
  • Impeachment, acquittal
COVID emergency ushers through major legislation
  • Families First, CARES Act
Stay-at-home orders, protests, wildfires, murder hornets test the nation
Partisanship returns in run up to election
  • Impasse on aid, SCOTUS vacancy
COVID-19 Relief Efforts

Supplemental appropriations, Families First
  • Agency funding, paid leave

CARES Act
  • LIHEAP, Paycheck Protection, Fed lending

HEROES Act
  • $$, utility shutoff moratorium

SMUD efforts
  • Virtual visits, Matsui letter
An Election Like No Other

Expectations for “Blue Wave”

Turnout – mail-in ballots vs. in-person

Results: Biden is President-elect
  • First since 1989 to face an opposing party Senate
  • Narrow House split

What it means…
  • Brace for gridlock?
  • Or a new chapter?
A Look Ahead…

Lame duck disappointment
• But: interim storage?

Georgia runoffs

Biden-McConnell dynamic

Further COVID-19 relief

Climate action in House
Focus on Biden Climate Plan

Net Zero Economy-wide by 2050
Carbon-free power sector by 2035
Infrastructure (incl. grid, broadband)
Electrification
Innovation
  • storage, negative emissions, advanced nuclear
Environmental Justice

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Questions?

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