

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

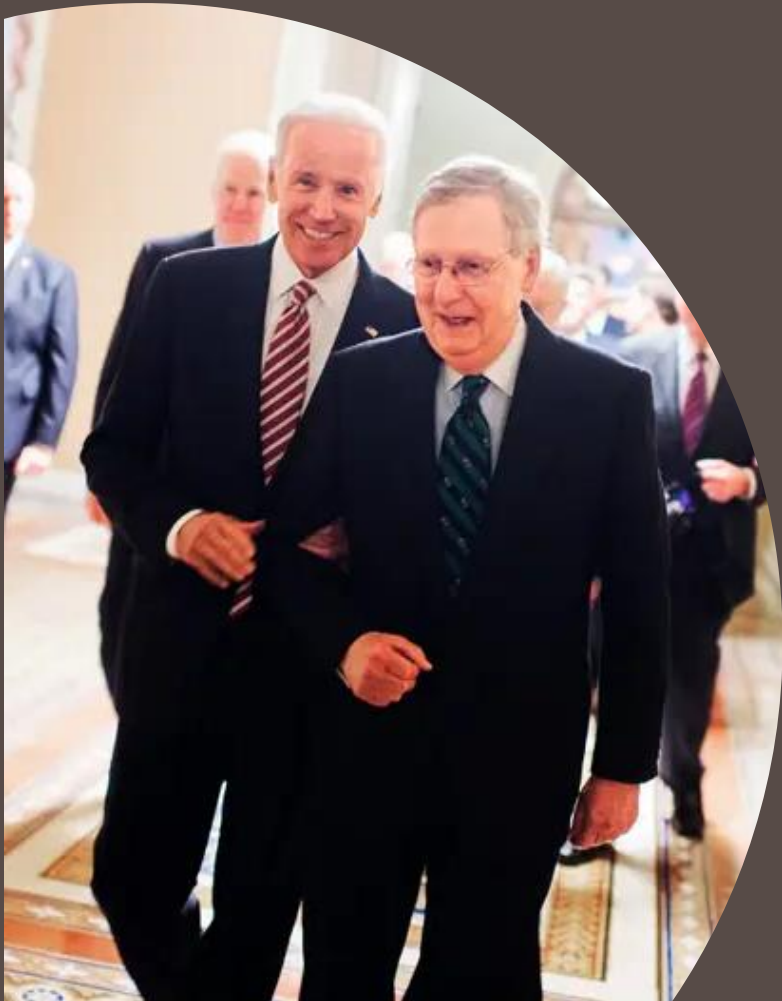
- First since 1989 to face an opposing party Senate
- Narrow House split

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



Questions?

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