# Exhibit to Agenda Item #2

Accept SMUD's **2030 Zero Carbon Plan** with the clarifications made in response to public comments.

Special Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2021, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting (online)





### Why take action toward zero carbon

SMUD, and regional agencies recognize that we're facing a climate crisis and must act.

Rising temperatures have an adverse impact on the economy.

Jobs and inclusive community development.

Improved health and regional air quality.

Regional air quality is a serious concern.

Opportunity for collaboration to strengthen our regional economy.

Address environmental inequities.

American Lung Association gives the region an "F" for air quality.\*

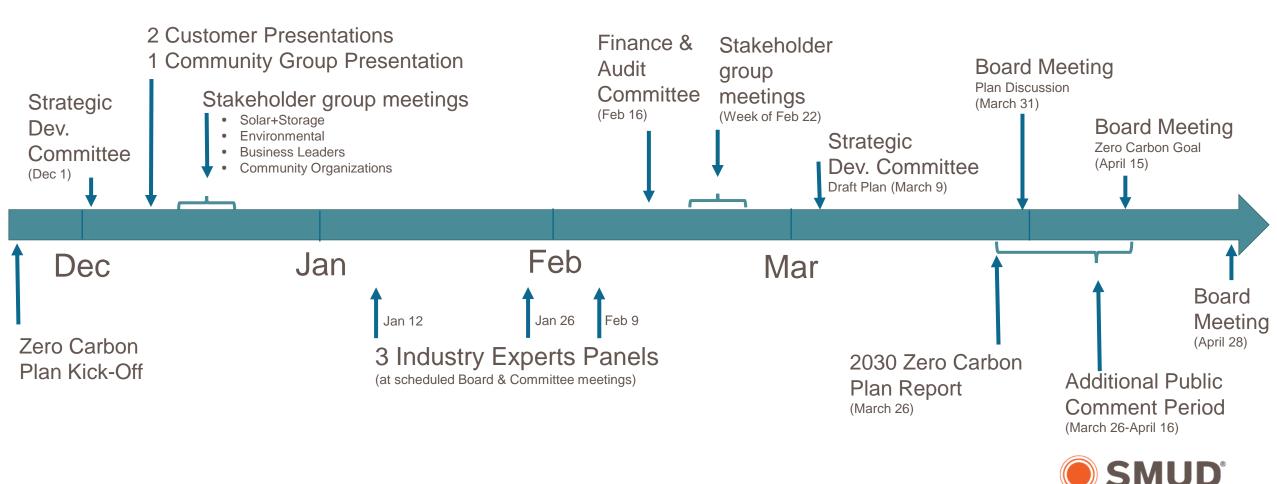
Local childhood asthma rates are about **30%** higher than the national average.\*\*

Reduce droughts, wildfires and severe weather.

Attract innovation and investments to the region.

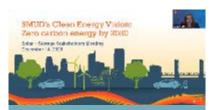


## The development of the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan





### **Extensive outreach & engagement**



## 7 stakeholder workshops

270 attendees
 (Dec. 2020 & Feb. 2021)



# 3 Customer & Community meetings

- 400 customers
- 336 surveys completed (Dec. 2020)



3 expert panel discussions @ Board Committee meetings

• 11 experts



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- FAQs
- Meeting recordings
- Opt-in for updates
  - Video
- Email for feedback



## Listserv notification emails

 Proactively customer notification of upcoming zero carbon meetings



#### **Presentations**

 External presentations by Board members, CEO & other key staff



### CEO communications

- Video blogs
- All hands employee meeting
- Workgroup meetings



## **Employee** resources

- SharePoint site
- Talking points
- 2 Brown bag learning sessions
- 15+ Intranet news stories & updates



## Innovation leadership

- Innovation Leadership Team
- Call for employees' innovative ideas
- Centralized hub for idea vetting



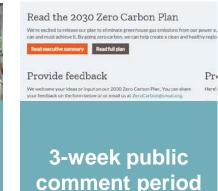
# Tailored workgroup presentations

- Project team leads @ staff roundtables
  - Q&A session



# 7 Board & Committee meetings

(Dec. 2020 – March 2021)



on draft 2030 Zero

Carbon Plan

Internal External



### Flexible pathway to zero carbon





#### Proven clean technology



>3.000 MW of new renewable energy & storage - equivalent to energy needs of more than 600.000 homes





~\$2.5 billion investment

#### ~\$2 billion investment



#### New technology & business models

Pilot & scale new projects and programs

- · 2x savings from energy efficiency & building electrification
- · Education & demand flexibility
- Virtual power plants & vehicle-to-grid technology
- New grid-scale technologies

#### **Financial**

- · Pursue grants & partnerships
- Limit rate impacts to rate of inflation



## Maximize community benefits

- Keep affordable rates & reliable power
- Improve local air quality & overall community health
- · Reduce regional impacts of carbon - drought, wildfires & extreme weather
- · Create regional clean tech jobs
- Strengthen all communities
- · Support under-resourced communities
- · Involve our customers & community in this transition

#### Goal:

Eliminate CO. from SMUD's power supply





Thousands of new regional clean tech jobs





### **Summary of Public Comments**

#### 48 public comments received during March 26 – April 16

Our Community	<ul> <li>9 comments encouraging education, outreach, marketing, and highlighting value of partnerships</li> <li>11 comments asked us to continue prioritizing equity</li> </ul>
Technology, SMUD Standards, or Programmatic Suggestions	12 comments proposed technologies or changes to SMUD standards or programs
Reliability and Cost	<ul> <li>4 comments stressed need to maintain reliability and highlighted risks of wildfires and risks to resilience of the system</li> <li>11 comments expressed concern over cost impacts and potential impact on rates</li> </ul>
Electrification	• 15 comments encouraging acceleration of electrification goals and requesting equipment to be included in plan
Solar and Storage	<ul> <li>14 comments on solar resources, mainly requesting continued strong support for rooftop solar as part of the Plan</li> <li>4 comments specifically mentioned VNEM as a solution for some customers, especially low income and multi-family residences</li> <li>6 comments encouraged storage to play a larger role in the Plan</li> </ul>
Thermal Resources, Retooling, and Retirement	<ul> <li>9 comments requested clarity on our natural gas generation repurposing and plant retirements</li> <li>10 comments focused on clean fuels, requesting clarity on use of biofuels and recommending limited or transitional use, and expressing support for green hydrogen</li> </ul>





### **Public comments**



350
sacramento
VOTE SOLAR

"We at 350 Sacramento and the undersigned signatories are excited to support SMUD's 2030 Carbon Zero Plan's expansion of new renewables, storage capacity, distributive resources, and emerging technologies. The Plan represents a monumental effort for SMUD and an inspiring example for the electric utility industry nationally."

"We applaud SMUD's leadership to accelerate the elimination of greenhouse gas emissions from your power portfolio. This leadership is exactly the type of bold accountability and direction that we need to achieve our goal for carbon neutrality."



"The Coalition for Clean Air appreciates your commitment to reaching zero carbon by 2030. This is a thoughtful plan, combining a strong commitment to decarbonization with the practical necessity of keeping costs low for



"The Sierra Club is very supportive of SMUD's efforts; we are especially pleased with the SMUD goal of zero carbon as opposed to net zero carbon. ...We look forward to working with you in implementing an aggressive zero-carbon plan that meets the moment this climate crisis demands, and maintains affordability and reliability."

"The Sacramento Climate Coalition, a group representing 34 organizations in the Greater Sacramento area, would like to applaud, once again, SMUD's commitment to preserving the planet as we know it for our children and grandchildren. Your leadership in this area is outstanding. Thank you."



National Fuel Cell Research Center (at UC Irvine) "The NFCRC greatly appreciates the bold vision laid out by SMUD to reach zero carbon emissions in our power supply by 2030."



customers."

COALITION FOR



### Clarifications for the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan

Flexibility is key – our 2030 Zero Carbon Plan is a living plan that will be updated and adjusted regularly

#### **Clarifications:**

- 1. Study and prioritize retirement of McClellan in 2024 and Campbell in 2025
  - Detailed reliability studies to confirm feasibility and priority of retirements at target dates
- 2. Eliminate the use of fossil fuels as soon as possible but no later than 2030.
  - Intent to retire all thermal plants as soon as possible or repurpose for clean fuels such as green hydrogen
  - Pursue biofuels as transitional fuel until long term clean fuel options identified
  - Research green hydrogen, long duration storage, VPPs and other technologies that reduce or eliminate the need for our thermal plants





# Clarifications for the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan - Continued

#### **Clarifications:**

- 3. Study the potential retirement of Carson, Procter&Gamble and Cosumnes prior to executing retooling strategy
  - Detailed reliability and economic analysis to determine all feasible, reliable and cost-effective resources available that could reduce or eliminate the need for the plants
- 4. The 2030 Zero Carbon Plan is flexible and will consider a variety of technologies
  - Examples: Concentrating solar power, large scale thermal storage, microgrids and fuel cells
  - As implementation progresses, the timing, size, location and types of resources selected will become clear.
- 5. Maximize the value of SMUD's existing hydro facilities in the Upper American River Project (UARP).
  - Examine pumped-storage within existing facilities and optimize operations





# Clarifications for the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan - Continued

#### **Clarifications:**

#### 6. Behind-the-meter resources and virtual net metering

- Rooftop solar and storage are very important in the Plan along with other distributed resources
- Tariffs play an important role in customer investment decisions and are considered in our normal rate setting process
- VNEM program for low income customers will be discussed during the next rate process





## Collaborate for an inclusive zero carbon economy



- Support beneficial climate policy and legislation
- Remove barriers for electrification
- Support funding for zero carbon innovation
- Collaborate and generate support for grants and regional investments in zero carbon
- Help attract zero carbon investments
- Share SMUD goals with constituents



#### **Private** sector

- Catalyze regional innovation
- Create an international hub for new investment in the Sacramento region
- Explore codevelopment, test technology and seek funding
- Participate in programs to help manage energy and find clean business solutions
- Install EV charging for employees and fleets



#### Community & the region

- Align priorities and resources for maximum impact
- Create a vibrant ecosystem to attract business investment
- Advance inclusive economic development
- Develop inclusive workforce of the future



#### **Customers**

- Go electric with SMUD incentives and rebates
- Invest in rooftop solar + storage
- Participate in clean energy programs such as Greenergy and Shade Trees
- Participate in SMUD's future zero carbon workshops, pilots and programs
- Weatherization, energy efficiency & electrification offerings for income-qualified customers





## What customers can do today

#### Go electric



#### Rebates up to \$3,000

- Electric vehicles
- Induction cooking
- Heat pump water heaters
- Heat pump HVAC
- All-electric buildings (smud.org/Rebates)

#### Rooftop solar + storage



Solar education & evaluation for your home and battery storage incentives.

#### Greenergy



SMUD will meet up to 100% of your electricity needs with renewable and carbonfree energy.

#### **SMUDEnergyStore.com**



Shop for energysaving home upgrades at SMUD. See if you qualify for instant online rebates on smart thermostats and more.

#### Free Shade **Trees**



Improve air quality and cool your home with free shade trees in partnership with the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

#### Income-qualified offerings



- Discount rates
- Weatherization
- **Energy efficiency**
- Electrification
- Payment arrangements
- Home energy assistance program

- Access free educational classes and videos for students, teachers, residents & businesses.
- Access rebates, financing & integrated design solutions for businesses.

- Use SMUD's tools and tips to reduce energy use during peak times when energy costs the most.
- Manage your energy usage through MyAccount on smud.org or the SMUD mobile app.

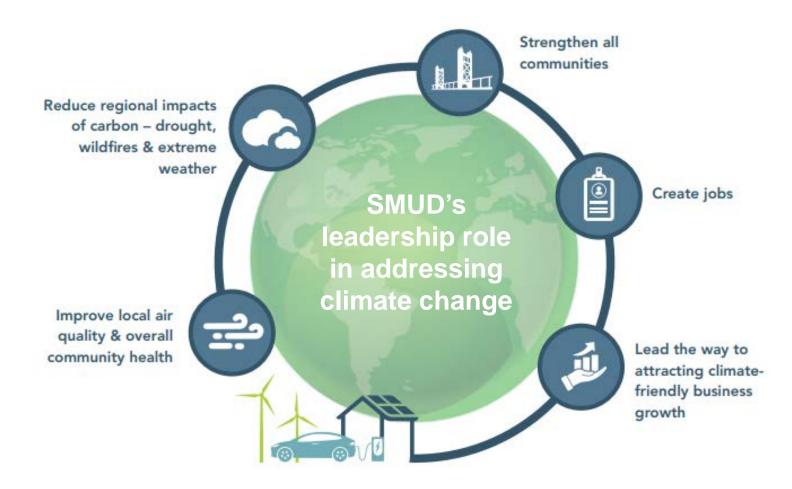
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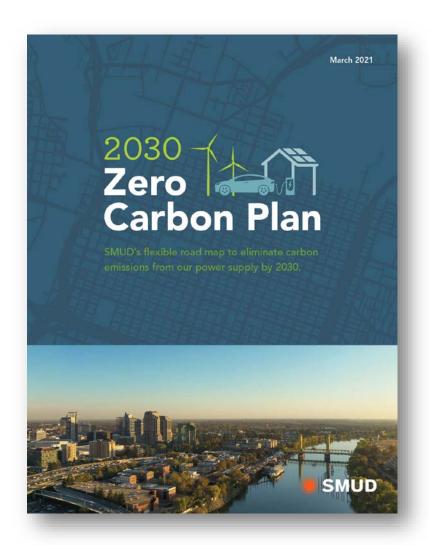
### Zero carbon: Broad and inclusive benefits

Together, we can transform into a model clean region.





# **Next steps**



- Implementation starts immediately including continued public information, meetings and outreach
- Annual update and adjustment of the Plan
  - The Plan is a living document that will be adjusted based on new information and results as we progress to 2030

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