# Exhibit to Agenda Item #3

Accept the monitoring report for Strategic Direction SD-10, Innovation.

Board Policy Committee and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, October 12, 2022, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting (online)



#### SD-10 Innovation

Delivering innovative solutions, products and services to our customers is a core value. To assure our long-term competitiveness, SMUD shall invest in research and development projects that support its core and key values, and integrate emerging technologies and new business models into SMUD's customer offerings in a way that balances risk and opportunity and benefits our customers and community.



### Aligning to the Zero Carbon Plan



Flexible pathway to zero carbon

Natural gas generation repurposing

Goal to retire 2 power plants in 2024-2025 and re-tool fleet

to drastically reduce operations and emissions.



Proven clean tech

90% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions\*

>3,000 MW of new renewable energy & storage –equivalent to energy needs of more than 600,000 homes.

Growing rooftop solar and batteries.



New tech & business models

Pilot & scale new projects & programs

Research game changing technologies and alternative fuels.



Financial impact & options

Rate impacts limited to rate of inflation

Expand partnerships and grants to offset costs & generate operational efficiencies.





Work with all our communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions together.

Partner and collaborate with community organizations, attract business, innovation and jobs to Sacramento.

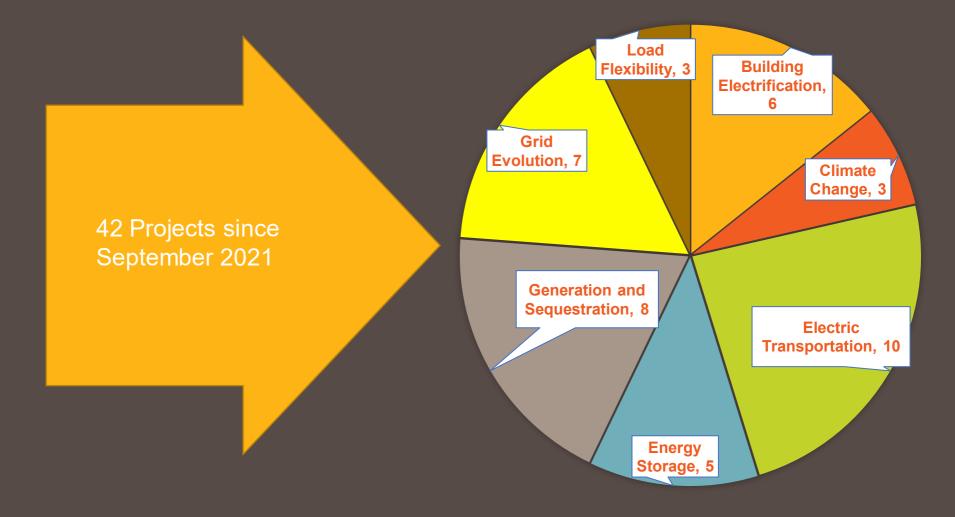
Alignment with SMUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative.



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### **Innovation Project Portfolio**







### Electric Transportation

Support transportation electrification

Mitigate grid impacts

Evaluate EVs as a utility battery (V2G)

- Installed chargers for Twin Rivers USD project
- Launched Managed EV Charging project with Ford, GM, and BMW
- Ordered 5 Zeus Medium Duty EV Chassis trucks















### Electric Transportation

# **Support transportation electrification**

**Expand** access

- Awarded \$2.2M CEC REACH Grant for ChargeReady Community project
  - Deploy 108 EV chargers at 6 multifamily properties selected by Mutual Housing California
- Completed site construction and paving for Del Paso Mobility Hub
  - Next steps are interconnection and charger installations.







## Building Electrification & Load Flexibility

Mitigate grid and customer impacts

**Customer engagement** 

DERs for load flexibility

- Examining solutions for heat pump water heater technology and segment gaps
  - > 120V units and central system demonstrations
- Aligning on nationwide utility & industry standards through the Advanced Water Heating Initiative
- Evaluating impacts from the launch of My Energy Optimizer smart thermostat control program
  - Engage beyond Time Of Day & events messaging
- Partnering with UC Davis and Panasonic to pilot the EnergyKit home energy management system







## **Energy Storage & Climate Change**

Operationalize storage as a grid & economic resource

**Energy Storage to address variability** 

**Investigate climate adaptation** 

- Completed construction of SMUD's 4MW battery storage system at Hedge
- Conducted Long Duration Energy Storage assessment
  - Pursing flow batteries ESS partnership announcement
  - Secondary technology partner selection via upcoming RFI
- Implemented a generation site habitat partnership with UC Davis and EPRI
  - Introducing native plants & pollinators







### Generation & Grid Evolution

# Grid visibility & control of DERs

**Alternative fuels** 

Biomass & carbon sequestration

- Implemented advanced software solution for solar smart inverter interconnections
- Installed and began testing smart inverters for grid applications
- Completed analysis of alternative generation fuels
  - recommending Renewable Natural Gas and Hydrogen
- Partnering with DOE on hydrogen blending research
- Established a partnership connecting NorCal & SoCal efforts for joint pursuit of DOE hydrogen funding (ARCHES)
- Exploring projects for Carbon Capture & Sequestration







# Conclusion

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Request the Board accept the SD-10 Monitoring Report.

