



Board Profile:

Director Heidi Sanborn Ward 7

Heidi Sanborn was first elected to the SMUD Board of Directors in 2018 and began serving on the SMUD Board in January 2019. She represents Ward 7, which includes North Highlands, Carmichael, Antelope and Foothill Farms.

Sanborn is the Founder and Executive Director of the National Stewardship Action Council since 2015 and was the founding Director of the California Product Stewardship Council for 12 years. These nonprofits are dedicated to reducing waste, increasing recycling and advocating for a circular economy. She was appointed by State Treasurer Fiona to the Green Bond Market Development Committee in 2019 tasked with efficiently raising billions of dollars in new and affordable capital to build climate-friendly infrastructure. She also was appointed by CalEPA to serve on the Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling in June of 2020 and was elected Chair by the 17 Commissioners. The voluntary Commission submitted 19 policy recommendations to the California Legislature in December of 2020, all with full consensus votes after only six months from being seated.

In addition to her work, Sanborn also takes a personal interest in going green. Since purchasing their home in 2001, Sanborn and her husband have been remodeling their house to include solar hot water, solar panels from SMUD and LED lighting. They're even Greenergy® customers and she drives an electric car.

Sanborn is also active in the community. She is on the Board of the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento. She served as the President of the Sacramento Chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness. As such, she spearheaded the efforts to start a walk for mental health, conducted police trainings and taught family-to-family classes. She also was a Big Sister for six years to a girl who graduated from the Sacramento Unified School District. She also serves on the fundraising committee for the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home.

Over the past 15 years, Sanborn and her husband have volunteered with Front Street Animal Shelter, fostering 67 dogs to date.

A native of Pennsylvania, Sanborn also lived in Delaware, Massachusetts and Michigan before moving out west. Sanborn is a graduate of UC Davis where she earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science-Public Service. She also earned her master's degree in Public Administration from USC. Heidi and her husband have lived in Sacramento for 28 years.

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