## Connections



September 2025

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### Lil Joe's goes electric

Lil Joe's is shining a light on what's possible for restaurant owners looking to create a healthier and more comfortable space by upgrading to all-electric equipment. The North Sacramento landmark of over 70 years replaced two



After completing a lighting upgrade through our Complete Energy Solutions (CES) program, restaurant owner John saw an opportunity to reduce gas usage by upgrading to all-electric heat pumps. The heat pump water heater is the first one installed in a commercial kitchen facility in the Sacramento area.



John says the space smells better, is quieter and the kitchen stays cool thanks to the heat pump HVAC. The new equipment strengthens the restaurant's reliability and resiliency, helping to preserve its legacy. Looking ahead, John plans to continue to reduce Lil Joe's gas usage and find more ways to support the environment and the restaurant's bottom line. Learn more at smud.org/CES.

# Midnight 9 p.m. Off-Peak 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Off-Peak Saver 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Noon

#### Summer rates end Sept. 30

Summer rates end Sept. 30, but summer temperatures are still hanging around. By continuing to reduce your electricity use from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. or shifting usage to off-peak hours, you can manage your bill without sacrificing comfort for your employees and customers. Non-summer off-peak hours are before 4 p.m. and after 9 p.m. weekdays and all hours on weekends and holidays. We have tips and tools to help you save energy and lower your electric bills all year long. Learn more at smud.org/BizEnergyTips. •



#### Become a SEED Vendor

Our SEED (Supplier Education and Economic Development) program offers incentives to local small businesses that participate in our competitive bid process. We also help prime contractors connect with SEED vendors. Our goal is to award 20% or more of all eligible contracts to SFFD vendors.

Learn more at smud.org/RegisterSEED. •



#### Extended learning opportunities

Sneak Peek: 2025 Title 24 for residential buildings Tuesday, Oct. 14 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Online)

Take a sneak peek into the new 2025 Title 24 requirements for nonresidential buildings. This class covers envelope, mechanical, and indoor and outdoor lighting changes, including retrofits, acceptance testing and controls. AIA CEU approved.

Decarbonization 101 – A starting guide for commercial facilities

Thursday, Oct. 23 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Online)

Attendees will gain an understanding of what the journey to full electrification for their business looks like, including facility assessment, design considerations, costs, savings, financing and incentives available to support a transition to a decarbonized business.

Learn more and register at smud.org/Workshops. •

#### SMUD Board of Directors

Your elected Board of Directors holds regular meetings once a month on the third Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. Meetings are streamed live and archived on smud.org.

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