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Genevieve Shiroma, President
SMUD Board of Directors
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P.O. Box 15830
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Dear President Shiroma,


The North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce representing 23,000 jobs and 65,000 residents (the 95815 and 95838 zip codes) is pleased to **officially support the request of Woodland, West Sacramento and Davis to join the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD).**

After careful consideration, our Board of Directors unanimously voted to support the right of Yolo County Residents to join SMUD at our Meeting in June. We believe this will have a positive impact on our vibrant Regional Economy both in terms of helping business attraction and retention efforts and our economic diversification.

Board members were especially appreciative of SMUD's efforts to protect current rate payers and the precautions and analysis done before this policy decision was taken. It is clear those in Yolo will gain equal or better electricity service at a lower cost. We were very interested and appreciative to hear the protections for existing rate payers, and the precautions to shield us from the costs of acquisition of the PG&E public infrastructure, and to protect our low price hydro power benefit.

The Chamber, and I, as it's executive officer, lend our name(s) as endorsements to this effort and look forward to a bright future with a more regional public utility!

Sincerely,



Franklin Burris
President

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