



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1e

**Meeting Date:** October 6, 2011

**Subject:** Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento Municipal Utilities District

- ☐ Information Item Only
- ☒ Approval on Consent Agenda
- ☐ Conference (for discussion only)
- ☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ Conference/Action
- ☐ Action
- ☐ Public Hearing

**Division:** Capital Asset Management Services

**Recommendation:** Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD).

**Background/Rationale:** In this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), SCUSD and SMUD seek to strengthen and expand their collaboration and find opportunities to help realize parallel and complementary visions of the two organizations. This MOU will enhance each institutions' ability to jointly serve the community, while contributing to an improved quality of life in the region.

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**Financial Considerations:** None

**Documents Attached:**

1. Memorandum of Understanding

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** N/A

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**Approved by:** N/A

***DRAFT (revised 9/30/2011)***

***Sacramento City Unified School District  
and  
Sacramento Municipal Utility District***

**Memorandum of Understanding**

The Governing Board of the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) is embarking upon a policy initiative with the goal of minimizing the SCUSD's carbon footprint, while improving energy independence and use of natural resources, and renewing its commitment to "providing a high quality learning environment that promotes health and productivity" by implementing sustainable resource practices through its physical assets, operations, and curriculum for K-12 and adult education.

In 2003, the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) adopted a *Purpose Statement* focused on "providing solutions for meeting our customers' electrical energy needs." Furthermore, in 2004, the SMUD Board of Directors adopted a *Vision Statement* "to empower our customers with solutions and options that increase energy efficiency, protect the environment, reduce global warming, and lower the cost to serve our region."

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SMUD and SCUSD commit to the following:

1. SCUSD and SMUD will identify ways to jointly educate their respective audiences on energy efficiency and reliability, integration of renewable and clean generation sources, the "cool practice" of physics and electricity and new green technologies, environmental sciences and community sustainability.
2. The two organizations will seek opportunities to collaborate and share areas of expertise on energy, and resource efficiency and conservation, and will jointly explore opportunities for mutually beneficial renewable or clean generation projects.
3. SCUSD and SMUD will jointly explore opportunities with other regional partners to foster community sustainability, home energy education, and environmental stewardship

and communicate more effectively with those who are both recipients of SCUSD's services and customer-owners of SMUD.

4. SCUSD and SMUD will collaborate on programs and partnerships that can help prepare students for careers in the energy sector. SCUSD and SMUD will leverage existing curriculum and support development of new materials for K-12, adult students and teaching staff focused on energy education and related college, job and career readiness.
5. SCUSD and SMUD will collaborate on programs and partnership opportunities to improve the energy and resource efficiency of SCUSD's facilities.
6. Both organizations agree that as the partnership evolves, this Memorandum of Understanding may be amended to address emerging issues.

The parties acknowledge and understand that this Memorandum of Understanding provides a framework for collaboration and cooperation between SCUSD and SMUD but does not commit either party to a particular course of action.

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective upon the last date of execution and shall continue in force until terminated by either party. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days prior written notice.

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President, Board of Education  
Sacramento City Unified School District

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~~Renee Taylor~~  
~~President, Board of Directors~~  
~~Sacramento Municipal Utility District~~

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