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**Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) becomes Climate Action Leader –
First company to certify greenhouse gas emissions with the California Climate Action
Registry**

LOS ANGELES, SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is the first company to certify a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory with the voluntary California Climate Action Registry. SMUD joined the CA Registry as a Charter Member in 2002 and is now publicly reporting their certified GHG emissions through the CA Registry's website at www.climateregistry.org. SMUD's new status as a *Climate Action Leader* is the latest achievement in a decade long commitment to improving energy efficiency and reducing emissions of the gases that lead to global warming.

The CA Registry's voluntary program boasts over 40 members representing a wide range of California's large and small businesses, government agencies and national environmental organizations. All CA Registry members are required to document all GHG emissions, primarily from vehicles, electricity and natural gas usage, and to undergo third-party certification. Maintaining an exceptional level of data integrity, the CA Registry's guidelines are considered the gold-standard for GHG accounting. Organizations who report GHG emissions based on these standards are truly environmental leaders.

Bud Beebe, SMUD's Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, who managed the reporting process, said "After certifying our first year of emissions data, we were able to identify additional opportunities for reducing our GHG emissions. The CA Registry's standards should be adopted nation wide – they were developed in collaboration with both industry and environmental groups, and they really work."

SMUD will continue to certify GHG emissions and plans to document significant reductions in total annual GHG emissions over time. Jan Schori, SMUD's General Manager said "SMUD has committed to reducing GHG emissions by 20% - the Registry's program is an excellent way to show our consumers and the larger community that we're meeting our goals against internationally recognized standards. We are proud to be among the first California companies taking this important step."

Terry Tamminen, California's Environmental Protection Agency secretary applauded SMUD's progress "As Chair of the Board of Directors of the CA Registry, I am honored to officially welcome SMUD as the first *Climate Action Leader* in California's history. By publicly reporting their certified GHG emissions, SMUD is truly 'walking the walk' of environmental stewardship. I encourage other California companies to participate in this innovative public-private partnership."

Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry said “Calculating, certifying and publicly reporting GHG emissions may seem overwhelming at first for large organizations. SMUD’ experience shows that the process is not only doable, but that Registry participation can also help improve efficiency and measure real progress against organizational goals.”

Additional CA Registry members including PG&E and BP will be certifying their GHG reports in the coming months. Their experiences will further demonstrate the effectiveness of this voluntary program.

About The California Climate Action Registry

The California Climate Action Registry (CA Registry) is a voluntary greenhouse gas registry that accepts emissions data from state and national entities. The CA Registry’s members include major corporations, government agencies and NGOs. The State of California commits to use its best efforts to ensure that organizations that register emissions results with the CA Registry receive appropriate consideration under any future regulatory scheme. For more information, please visit www.climateregistry.org.

About the Sacramento Municipal Utility District

SMUD is the nation's sixth largest community-owned electric utility in terms of customers served. The Sacramento Municipal Utility District began providing electricity to customers on December 31, 1946. SMUD generates, transmits and distributes electric power to a 900-square-mile service area that includes Sacramento County and a small portion of Placer County. SMUD's vision is to be the community's preferred supplier of electricity and energy services. SMUD’s mission is to meet the electricity and energy-services needs of customer-owners safely, dependably, economically and in an environmentally responsible manner while providing value to the community.

For more information, please visit www.smud.org