# Exhibit to Agenda Item #2

Discuss the monitoring report for Strategic Direction SD-15, Outreach and Communications.

Board Energy Resources & Customer Services Committee and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

SMUD Headquarters Building, Auditorium



# Strategic Direction SD-15

Providing **broad outreach and communication** to SMUD's customers and the community is a key value of SMUD.

#### Specifically:

- a) SMUD shall provide its customers the **information**, **education** and **tools** they need to best **manage their energy** use according to their needs.
- b) SMUD will use an **integrated and consistent communication** strategy that recognizes the **unique customer segments** that SMUD serves.
- c) SMUD's communication and community outreach activities shall reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. SMUD shall use a broad mix of communication channels to reach all customer segments. This communication shall be designed to ensure that all groups are aware of SMUD's major decisions and programs.



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## 2023 at a glance

**807,666,030** customer impressions.

439,370,320 ethnic customer impressions.

**TV and radio:** Customers had the opportunity to see or hear a SMUD marketing message **50** times, on average.

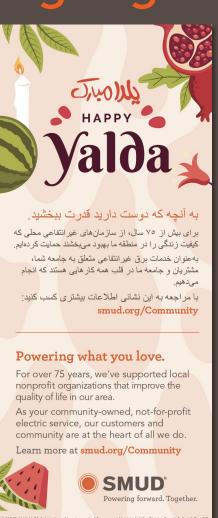
- 16,821,304 emails
- 96,222 websites and apps
- 7 social media channels
- 479 billboards, transit boards
- 36 print publications
- 27 radio stations
- 24 tv stations
- 866,473 direct mail pieces
- **12,493,463** bill package inserts



### Multi-language outreach and communications

#### 15 languages

- Arabic
- Cantonese
- Dari
- English
- Farsi
- Hmong
- Korean
- Mandarin
- Pashto
- Russian
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Tamil
- Ukrainian
- Vietnamese





Powering forward.



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# SMUD Employees supporting our community

- CEO chats with local nonprofit CEOs
- Elk Grove and Folsom Veteran's Day parade with MERG
- Food box packing (multiple)
- Gifts From the Heart holiday gift drive
- Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block
- Heart and Stroke Walk
- NAMI Walk
- Non-profit spotlights
- Q Prom
- Rebuilding Together workday
- Run for Safe Haven
- Run to Feed the Hungry
- Sacramento Pride Parade
- SMUD Giving Mondays
- Tree planning volunteer projects (multiple)
- Women's Empowerment career workshops



**Total volunteer hours** 

**78** 

**Volunteer events** 







### Growth in events and partnerships in 2023

# 1,711 events and partnerships Above pre-pandemic levels and 294 more than 2022

**496** 

Community events or booths (Residential focus)

**251** 

Workshops, panels, presentations or meetings

**223** 

Sponsorships, networking events, mixers, tradeshows (Business focus)

**170** 

Partnerships

199

Community sponsorships, networking events, mixers

372

School outreach, education or career fairs

All events include cultural, ethnic and/or special populations. Special populations include arts, LGBTQ, low income, military, seniors, disabilities, education, environmental, health & safety and Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), agriculture, all electric, electric vehicles, faith, homeowner associations, young adults (18-30) and youth (0-17) and workforce development.



### You help us connect with customers and tell our story







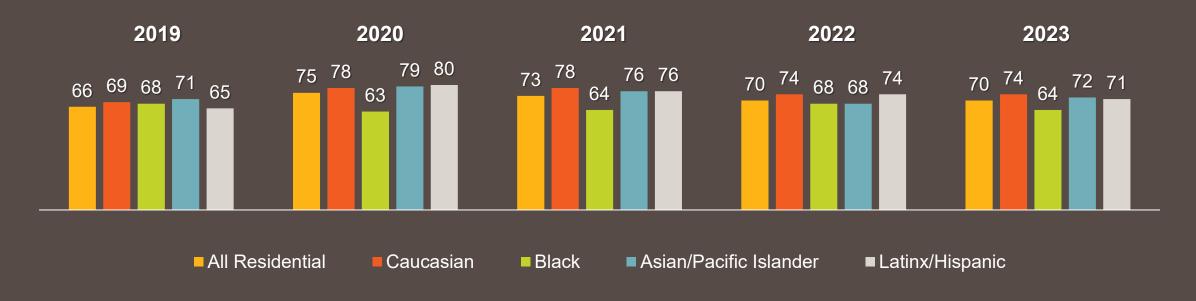








# Value for what you pay - residential



#### Doing well

- Responsiveness to customers
- Making it easy to do business
- Bill/Pay, Start/Transfer Service

#### Opportunity areas

- Providing customers additional programs/services to meet their needs
- Customers feeling in control of their energy use

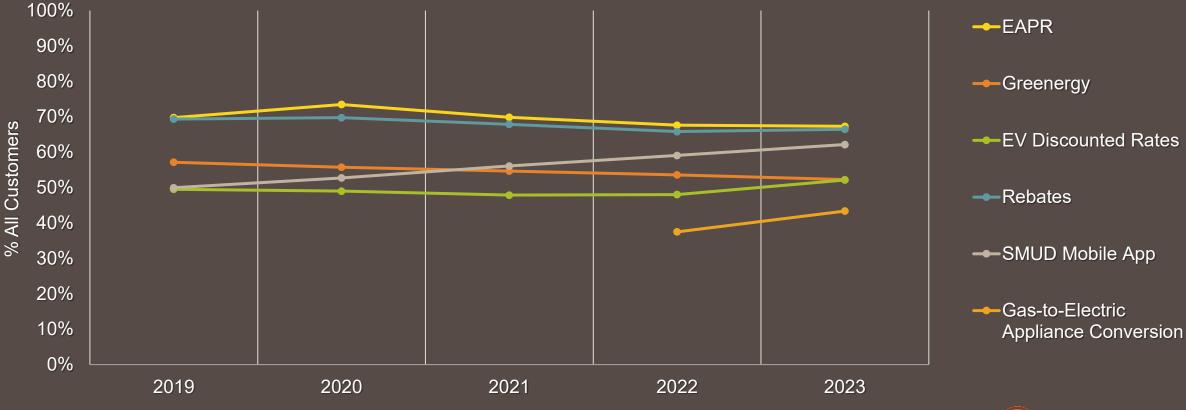
#### Solutions

- Community Impact Plan and neighborhood electrification
- Outage enhancements
- Bill Pay Your Way
- Using data to refine messaging and outreach



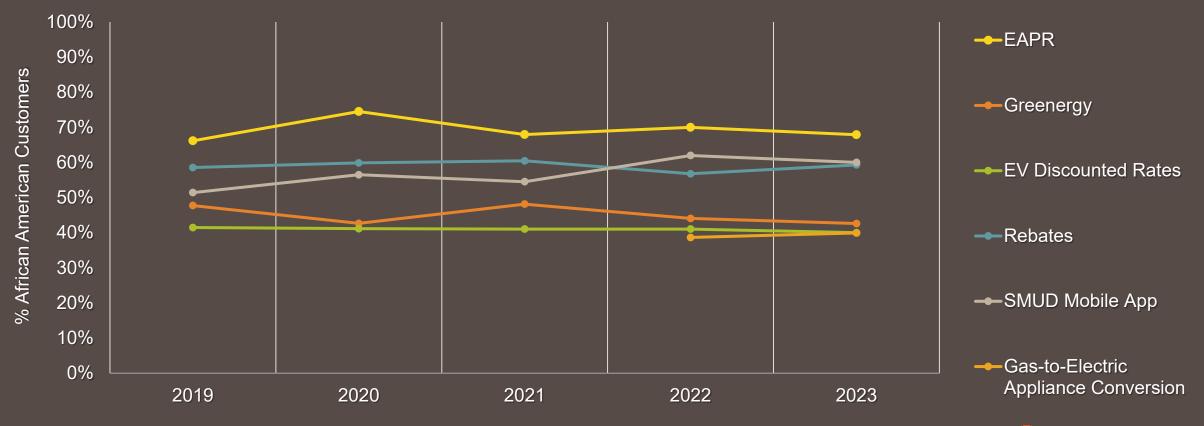
### All residential customers – overall awareness trends

Notable increases in awareness of EV discount rate, gas-to-electric appliance conversion and mobile app. All other programs were relatively steady year over year.



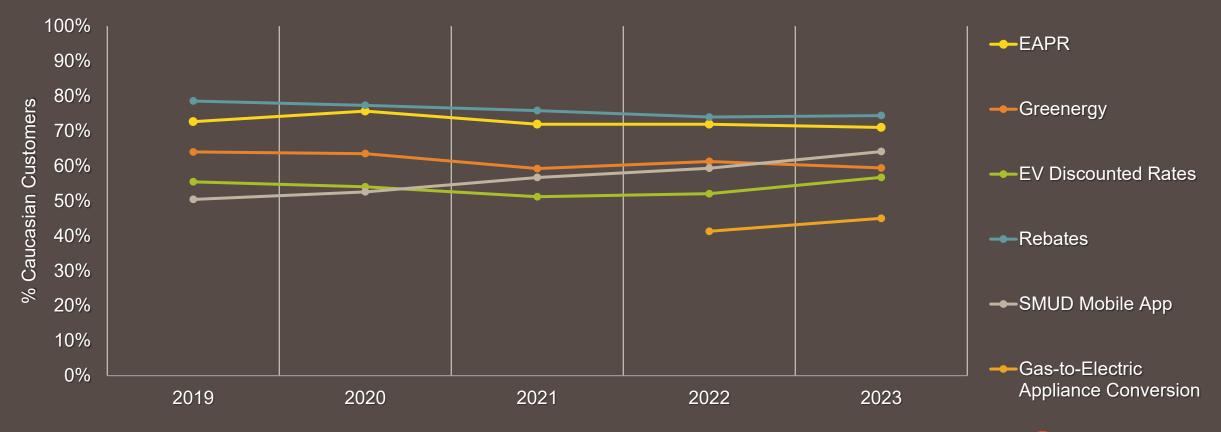
### Black – overall awareness trends

Awareness increased for rebates. All other programs were consistent or had minimal movement from the previous year.



### White – overall awareness trends

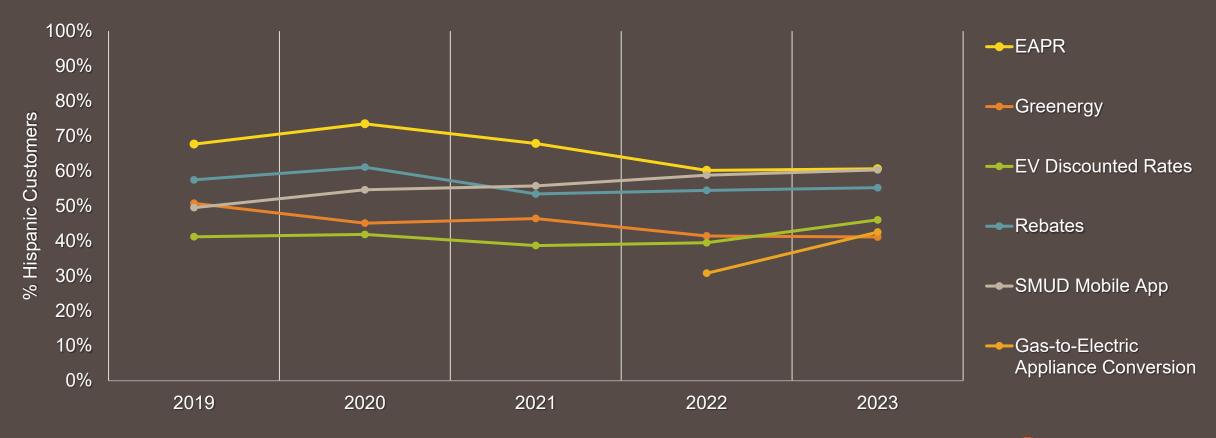
Most notable increase in awareness of EV discount rate, gas-to-electric appliance conversion and mobile app. Minimal changes in awareness for other programs.





## Hispanic – Overall awareness trends

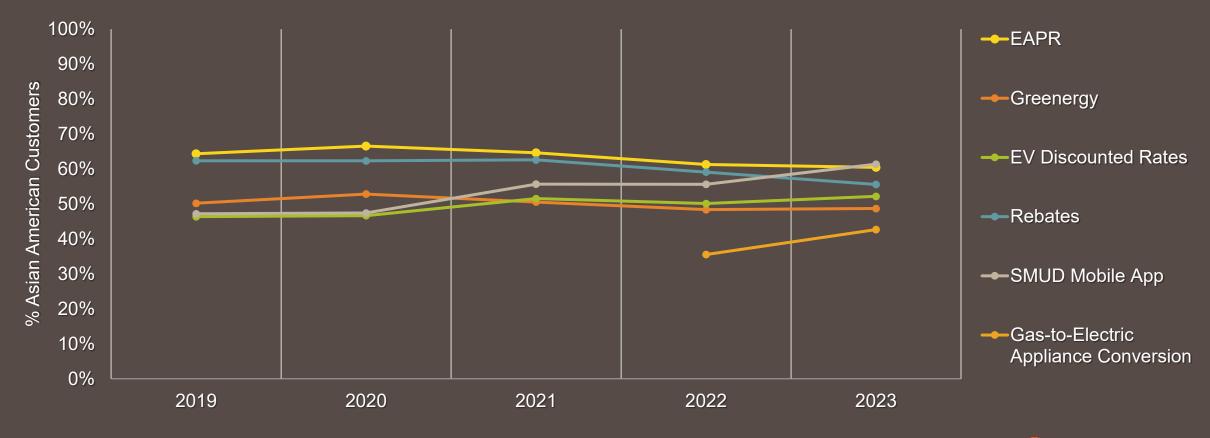
Most notable changes were increased awareness of EV discount rate and gas-to-electric appliance conversion. All other programs were consistent or had minimal movement from the previous year.





### Asian Pacific Islander – overall awareness trends

Most notable increase in awareness of EV discount rate, gas-to-electric appliance conversion and the mobile app. Minimal change for other programs.





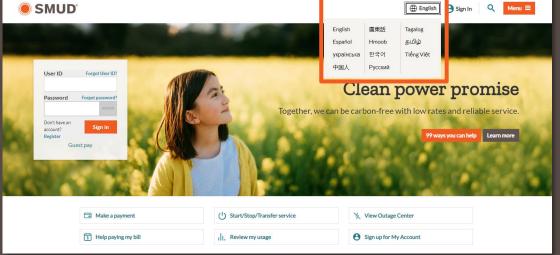
# Meeting customers where they're at















## Requested action

Accept the monitoring report for Strategic Direction SD-15, Outreach and Communications.

