# Exhibit to Agenda Item #1

Discuss the monitoring report for **Strategic Direction SD-5**, **Customer Relations**.

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



# Agenda

- Strategic Direction 5
- 2023 Results
  - Customer Satisfaction
  - Value for What you Pay (VFP)
  - Accomplishment Highlights
- Request the Board accept the 2023 monitoring report



## 2023 Customer Relations SD-5

### Policy:

"Maintaining a high level of customer relations is a core value of SMUD. Therefore, the Board establishes an overall customer satisfaction target of 95 percent with no individual component measured falling below 85 percent.

In addition, the Board establishes an overall customer experience "value for what you pay" target of 70 percent by the end of 2025 and 80 percent by the end of 2030, with neither the average commercial customer score falling below 69 percent nor the average residential customer score falling below 65 percent in any year.

### As part of this policy:

- (a) SMUD customers shall be treated in a respectful, dignified and civil manner.
- (b) SMUD shall communicate a procedure for customers who believe they have not received fair treatment from SMUD to be heard.



# **Customer Satisfaction Scores**

### Policy:

"Therefore, the Board establishes an overall customer satisfaction target of 95 percent with no individual component measured falling below 85 percent."

Overall Satisfaction
Tree Trimming
New Connects
Bill Inquires
Outage
IVR Payment
IVR Payment Arrangement

2021
97%
96%
99%
96%
94%
98%
94%

2022 <b>97%</b>
31 /0
95%
98%
96%
96%
98%
95%

2023 <b>97%</b>
96%
98%
94%
94%
97%
95%



# January 2023 Storms



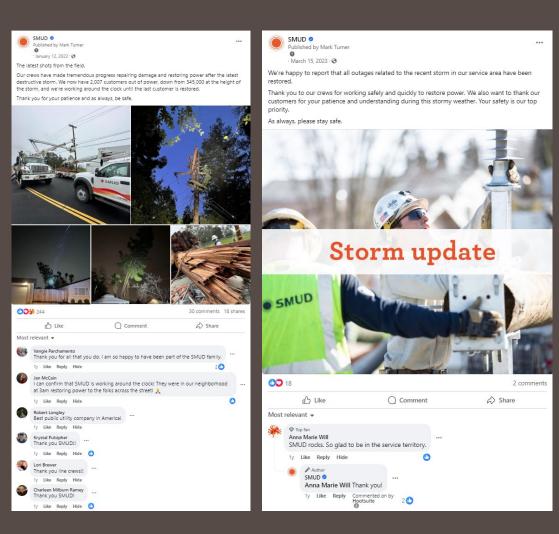
Communication



Timely restoration



Repeat outages



### Improvements:

- Company-wide storm response enhancements
- New ERT process
- New online outage communications tools



# 2023 Economic Pressure

- State and Federal customer emergency funding exhausted
- Many customers financially worse
- Standard collections, disconnects, rate certification in place
- Rate increase

### How we're helping

- Lobby Days
- Connecting our Communities Expo
- Community Impact Plan
- Community Partnerships and outreach

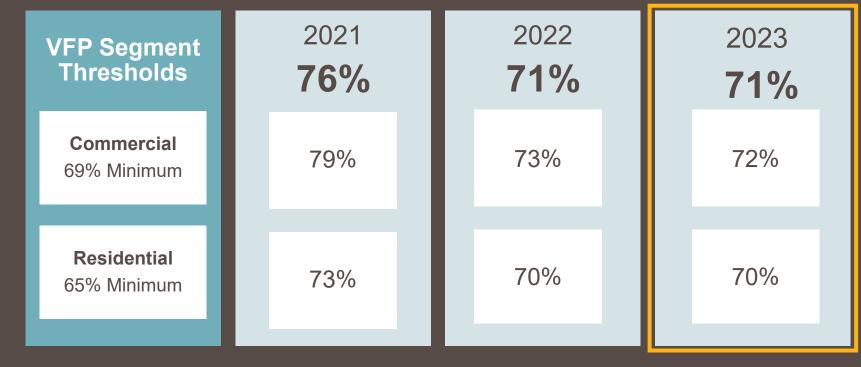




# Value For What You Pay (VFP)

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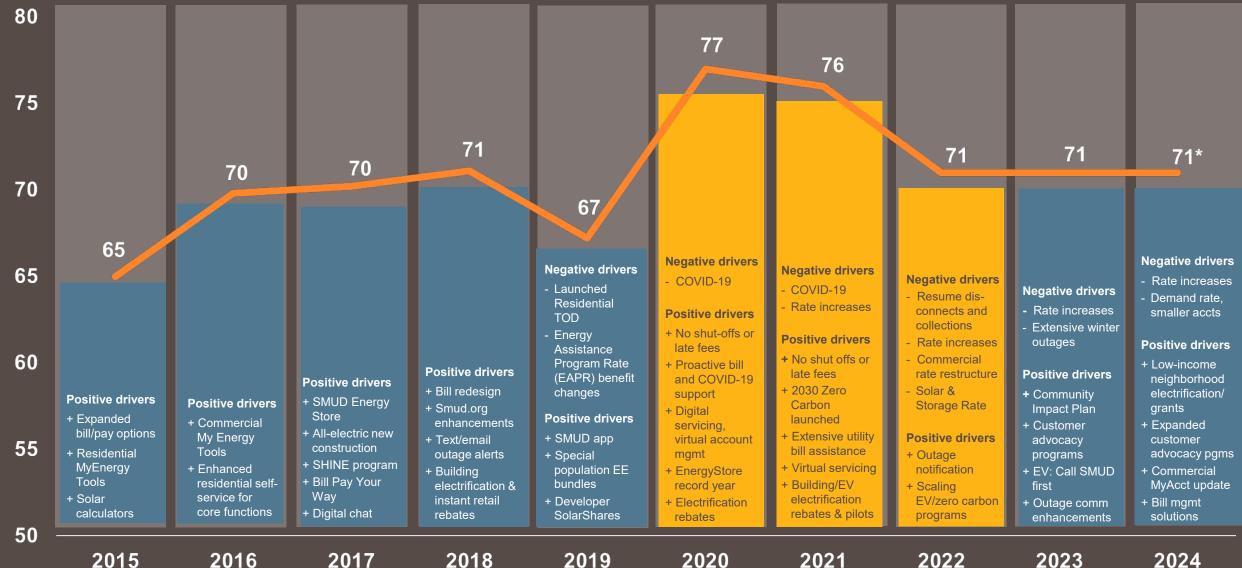
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# Customer Experience Progress

Overall VFP



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# J.D. Power & Associates

#### Commercial Overall Customer Satisfaction



#### Residential Overall Customer Satisfaction



<sup>\*\*</sup>Ranking based on eligible brands with sufficient sample sizes in the 2021 study (>100 responses).

#### Commercial

#### California Ranking

• 2023CY: #1

2022CY: #1

• 2021CY: #1

#### West Midsize Ranking

• 2023CY: #2

• 2022CY: #2

2021CY: #2\*\*

#### Residential

#### California Large Ranking

2023CY: #1

2022CY: #1

• 2021CY: #1

#### West Large Ranking

• 2023CY: #2

• 2022CY: #2

• 2021CY: #2

CY = Calendar Year



<sup>\*</sup> Data models updated in 2020

# Value our residential customers & community



**4,240** (+43%)

522 Low Income)

Customers took steps to electrify their homes (HVAC, cooktop, heat pump)



**48,107**(total 207,087)
SMUD app downloads



9,808
30% of shade trees planted in under-resourced communities



300 attendees

Inaugural Resource Expo Neighborhood Walks ~\$7 Million in financial bill assistance



\$2.77M

SMUD Energy Store sales (89% above historical avg.)



505,955 billing alerts sent



56%

EV owners on EV rate (compared to 24% in PG&E territory)



Residential EV charging incentives

~145 Low Income EVSE/Circuits



37% increase

in outage alerts for text and email notifications (opt in)



# Value our commercial customers & community



623
Electric vehicle program enrollments



\$840k

Building Electrification
Incentives



3 New SAA outage tools

Provides enhanced outage communication: real-time data, maps vulnerable customers, alerts



\$2.88M

Energy Efficiency incentives



**5465** 

Strategic Account
Advisor personal touch
points: 2030 Zero Carbon,
outages, billing, programs



80

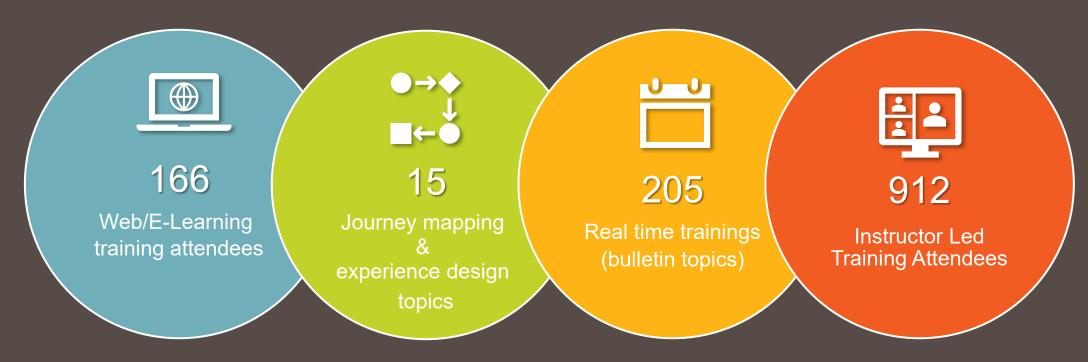
Outreach events targeting small medium business



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### 2023 Status:

Customer experience supported by internal training and customer-centric experience design





## Customer Relations SD-5

### Policy:

"...(b) SMUD shall communicate a procedure for customers who believe they have not received fair treatment from SMUD to be heard."

### Status:

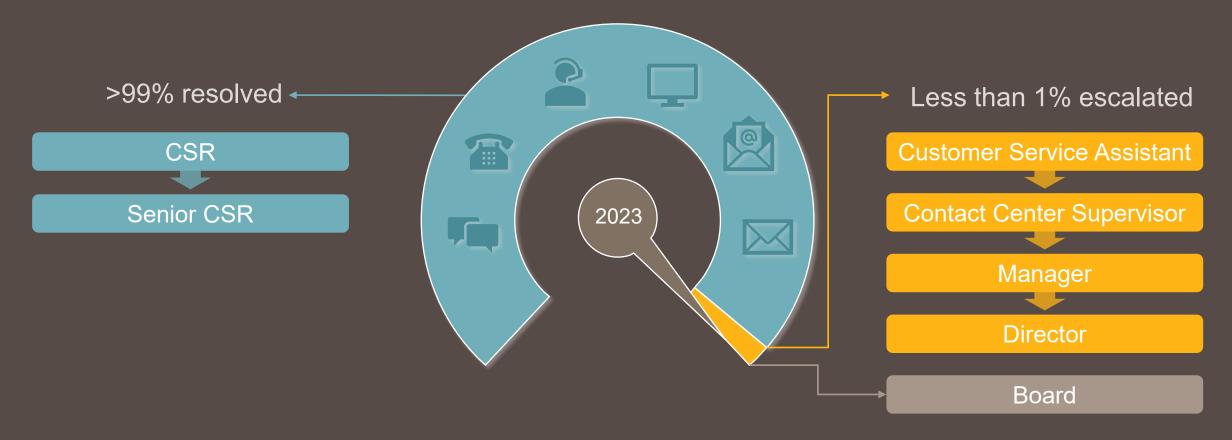
Hearing and appeal process is found in detail on smud.org

- <u>smud.org/assets/documents/pdf/Board-Meeting-Procedures.pdf</u> Pg. 14 & 15
- The process is described on the back page of every bill



# **Customer Communication Process**

+950,000 contacts





# 2023 Awards & Recognitions









SACRAMENTO **BUSINESS JOURNAL** 

Safety Award

**Utility Transformation** Leaderboard

Lineworker Rodeo. **Excellence in Communication**  Clean Energy Champion Award

**DEI** Award



of the Year, Crisis







Service



Excellence in

Communication



Environmental Champion, Most Trusted Utility Brand



J.D. POWER

Excellence









Clean Energy Community Advocacy Award

1<sup>st</sup> in Sustainability Index, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Residential Customer Satisfaction

Leadership Award

Innovation of the Year

Most Valued Partner



# Request the Board accept the SD-5 monitoring report.

