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SMUD CEO and general manager receives individual achievement award

Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022 — Paul Lau, CEO and general manager at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) in Sacramento, California, received the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the electric utility industry and to public power.

Paul has contributed to shaping much of SMUD's industry-leading initiatives through environmental leadership and innovative customer programs since joining the utility in 1982. Paul spearheaded the development of SMUD's 2030 Zero Carbon Plan to eliminate all carbon emissions from SMUD's power supply by 2030. Last year, he testified before the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, where he shared the environmental and economic benefits of SMUD's clean energy plan. Paul currently serves on APPA's Board of Directors and other energy industry boards, including the Large Public Power Council, California Municipal Utilities Association, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, and the Smart Electric Power Alliance.

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