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## **Notice of Public Comment Period**

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### **SMUD's Revised Application to Administer a Community Solar Program Pursuant to Section 10-115 of the 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards**

The community solar compliance alternative option was first established in the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code). As a compliance alternative to photovoltaic requirements for low-rise newly constructed residential buildings, shares of a community solar electric generation system or battery storage system (“community solar”) can be substituted for the otherwise required on-site solar electric generation system. Any entity may apply to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for approval to administer a community solar program.

In 2019, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) applied to become an administrator of a community solar program for low-rise residential buildings in SMUD's service area, called Neighborhood SolarShares. The CEC approved SMUD's application under the 2019 Energy Code at the February 20, 2020 business meeting.

Under the 2022 Energy Code, the CEC revised certain requirements in section 10-115 relating to the administration of Title 24 community solar programs. Section 10-115(c)(2) requires the administrator of an approved community solar program to submit a revised application to the CEC if there are changes in the Energy Code requirements. Any modified Energy Code requirements would not apply retroactively to the continued use of previously approved renewable resources developed to serve a community solar program. The regulations require the CEC executive director to make a determination whether to approve the revised community solar application or not.

#### **SMUD's 2022 Energy Code Revised Application**

SMUD submitted a revised community solar program application on March 3, 2023<sup>1</sup>, to demonstrate compliance with the 2022 Energy Code for low-rise residential buildings as required in section 10-115(c)(2). The application is posted for public review and comment.

The documents are available on the CEC's [docket web page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-BSTD-06), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-BSTD-06>.

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<sup>1</sup> The CEC Executive Director is required to decide on SMUD's application by May 2, 2022.

## **Public Comments**

Written comments on SMUD's revised community solar program application should be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023**. The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/ECommentSelectProceeding.aspx) page at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/ECommentSelectProceeding.aspx>.

Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). After a challenge-response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human and not a computer, click "Agree & Submit Your Comment" to submit the comment to the CEC's Docket Unit. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, section 1208.1. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

You are encouraged to use the electronic filing system described above to submit comments. If you are unable to submit electronically, a paper copy of your comments, including the docket number **22-BSTD-06** and indicating "2022 SMUD's Community Solar Application" may be sent to:

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