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Support of SMUD Community Shared Electric Generation System Application

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission 1516 9th Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Community Shared Solar Electric Generation System Application by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District

KB HOME Sacramento Inc. expresses its strong support for the Community Shared Solar Electric Generation System Application by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). SMUD is applying to administer a community solar program option meeting the requirements under Section 10-115 of the 2019 Building Standards.

Section 10-115 allows a community solar program that meets Community Shared Solar Electric Generation System requirements to be used by a builder/developer as a compliance alternative to the onsite photovoltaics required by Section 150.1(b)1. We believe that SMUD's application is an important option for compliance with the 2019 Building Standards' solar requirements in the SMUD service area that can effectively provide the benefits of solar power associated with new homes built in California.

The January 1, 2020 effective date of the 2019 Building Standards is fast approaching. The community solar program option included in the 2019 Building Standards needs to be available to homebuilders for Standards compliance. Community shared solar systems can allow cost-effective solar developments to be located and oriented to better meet community or system grid needs and provide additional flexibility for new housing developments to comply with the Standards.

We strongly encourage timely adoption by the Commission of SMUD's Community Shared Solar Electric Generation System Application.

Sincerely.

Adam Hieb President

KB HOME Sacramento Inc.