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Please do not approve SMUD's proposal for their new neighborhood SolarShares Program to meet the requirement under #10-115 of the Energy Code.

As I understand the code, it supports new solar rooftop projects in communities as an important way to move from dependence on fossil fuels towards total reliance on renewable energy sources within communities. SMUD's proposal is for projects such as the 160 MW Rancho Seco project already under way and for the Great Valley Solar 2 project which is located 135 miles outside SMUD's service area. These are not Community Solar Plants nor Community Shared Storage.

Community based storage would be especially important in today's energy reality that includes catastrophic wild fires and power shut offs.

Approving SMUD's proposal will set a dangerous precedent in California. This proposal will pave the way for other utilities to submit similar proposals leading to a complete upheaval of the rooftop solar mandate. The plan would end up blocking the development of new community solar and storage to the local grid at a time when our state needs it.

We citizens of California depend on you to put us in the best possible position for reliable and safe energy sources. Please take the action that will help now and in the long run.