

VERBATIM EXCERPT OF COMMENTS MADE BY
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT ROB BALL,
WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING SMUD ANNEXATION – 2/15/05 COUNCIL MEETING

Rob Ball: "Thank you Mr. Vice Mayor, Members of the Council. I am pleased to be here tonight. As you know, I'm Rob Ball, Deputy Superintendent for the Woodland Joint Unified School District so I am representing the seventeen schools we have in the District plus a large Maintenance and Operations facility, Transportation facility and District Office. So, we are one of the bigger P. G. & E. users in the area and get quite a bit of electricity from them. I first would like to thank City Council for approving staff's request to do this study. I was part of the original meeting with Mr. Marler way back in 2003. I attended the presentation then again on January 31st to hear what Beck had done and get a little bit of P. G. & E.'s interpretation of that. I was very impressed by the thoroughness that the Beck Study had done on this. So, I am not here tonight to belittle P. G. & E. for the lack of customer service that they may have. I am not here to bemoan the fact that it took P. G. & E. seven months to install a transformer at one of our schools and that students couldn't use their new science lab for the first semester of the year. I am also not here to berate P. G. & E. for waiting for nearly five months and then asking us to pay for the transformer before they would even schedule an installation date. I am also not going to demean the fine people who work for P. G. & E. who didn't show up on three different occasions that were scheduled to install the transformer. Instead, I am here to support the request that SMUD annex this area and include our schools based on the R. W. Beck recommendation of the 8% savings. I've given you a chart that I worked up taking a look at what if we had those savings over the last two years. What could we expect. We are looking at about \$125,000 a year in potential savings that we could possibly get from this. So that would buy, typically, 15,625 new library books a year, 2 new classrooms with all the furniture for our special needs pre-school age students that we currently cannot serve in this District, 2 ½ elementary school counselors for behavior management and truancy reduction, 156 new computers a year for student instruction, 2 music teachers and musical instruments for 2 bands in the District, and all new science lab materials for 5 science classrooms per year, nearly one full average month of electricity expenditure for the entire District from just that 8% savings. Even at a 1% savings, I would encourage you to turn this back to the voters and let them vote on this. As an aside to this discussion, the District already buys our natural gas through another organization at a significant savings, despite the fact that we pay P. G. & E. to transmit that gas through their pipes to our District. We believe that you will see those substantial savings in the future. Thank you."

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