



SMUD: What's not to like?

In 2005 the city councils of Davis, Woodland, and West Sacramento and Woodland and the Yolo County supervisors voted **unanimously** to request that the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) take over electricity service from PG&E in the Tri-City area. It was probably the first time all four elected bodies had agreed unanimously on anything.

After studying the issue in great detail, SMUD agreed to campaign to expand into Yolo County.

PG&E Company is fighting back with all the tricks in the book that money can buy. You may have seen PG&E's full-page ads and TV commercials.

SMUD recently called for a November 2006 election in both Sacramento and Yolo counties, which will decide whether SMUD should extend service to Davis, Woodland, and West Sacramento and Woodland. This is truly a case of The People vs. The Octopus

Why is SMUD better for Yolo County?

Compared to PG&E, SMUD is better for six simple reasons.

1. SMUD is democratic
2. SMUD's top executives are in it for the service, not the money.
3. SMUD is greener. The Yolano Sierra Club chapter supports SMUD expansion to Yolo County.
4. SMUD charges less.
5. SMUD has more reliable service
6. SMUD has happier customers



The bigger they are, the harder they fall. The whole country is watching.

Students who want to help should call 530-757-6609 or email the Coalition for Local Power at bermfam@gmail.com.

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