

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-07

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

Sacramento Municipal Utilities District

WHEREAS, in 1946, the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District was incorporated as a public-owned electrical utility for the Sacramento region, updating and expanding Sacramento's electrical utility network in the era following the Second World War until the present day, in an effort to make the Sacramento region more energy independent; and,

WHEREAS, since the 1970s, SMUD has pioneered efforts at conservation and renewable energy, including wind, solar, and biomass power generation, and through its *Greenery* program, giving customers the choice to receive their electrical power from 100% renewable energy sources; and,

WHEREAS, in 1959 SMUD completed its new Headquarters building, designed by the local firm of Dreyfuss & Blackford, a building stylistically influenced by the work of Mies van der Rohe and International Style Modernism, and whose design for the SMUD headquarters integrated a major artwork by artist Wayne Thiebaud into the design of the building, and;

WHEREAS, this landmark project immediately inspired international interest and earned multiple design awards, and in January 2010 was listed on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as one of the best examples of the International Style in the City of Sacramento, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to Sacramento Municipal Utilities District for their legacy as the sixth largest public utility company in the United States, their commitment to renewable energy sources, and their ongoing stewardship of their Headquarters building, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to a representative of the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District.

November 5, 2010

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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