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Slakey Brothers, Inc. wins SMUD award for responsible energy stewardship

SMUD Board recognizes energy-conscious customer

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is honoring Slakey Brothers, Inc. for its overall commitment to implementing energy efficiency measures to reduce energy consumption and promote environmental protection.

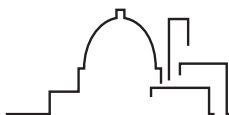
The SMUD Community Energy Award honors commercial customers who share SMUD's values of efficiency and environmental sensitivity, and who have turned these beliefs into actions. These customers have controlled their energy usage, improved their bottom line, and reduced the amount of energy that must be generated for our region.

This award recognizes Slakey Brothers for being proactive in initiating energy-efficient lighting improvements in its Elk Grove distribution warehouse that resulted in considerable energy savings and environmental benefits. Slakey Brothers replaced 153 metal halide high-bay fixtures with highly efficient T8 fluorescent high-bay fixtures throughout their 207,000 square foot warehouse. Occupancy sensors were also installed in each fixture to cycle the lights off during low production times. These sensors will reduce fixture operating hours by 1,850 hours.

The retrofit of the lighting fixtures and the installation of the occupancy sensors will result in total annual energy savings of 519,000 kilowatt-hours and 88 kilowatts, a reduction of 50 percent in lighting energy consumption. With this one lighting project, Slakey Brothers has helped safeguard the environment by reducing CO2 emissions by 716,000 pounds. This is the equivalent of planting 96 acres of trees each year, removing 62 cars from the road each year, or providing enough electricity to power approximately 48 homes for a year.

Slakey Brothers is also a participant in SMUD's Voluntary Emergency Curtailment Program, offering to reduce unnecessary lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning use in the event of a power emergency within the SMUD service area. By assisting us with load management, Slakey Brothers will help us avoid the need to build new power plants while also helping us to meet the power needs of the community.

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“Slakey Brothers, Inc. is an excellent example of a SMUD customer doing its part to help our community by reducing its energy use,” said Genevieve Shiroma, SMUD Ward 4 Director. “Hopefully, more customers will follow Slakey Brothers’ lead and take advantage of SMUD programs that can help them save money and benefit the entire community.”

Slakey Brothers is a wholesale distributor of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing products. The company was founded in 1939 by brothers Roger and Bill Slakey, who started the business with \$5,000 in capital. Slakey Brothers has grown from a small, family-owned business to become an employee-owned corporation in 1990. In addition to their 30 locations in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, Slakey Brothers also has three retail plumbing showrooms, three distribution centers, and offers online sales.

To be eligible for the SMUD Community Energy Award, commercial customers share SMUD’s strategic directives in environmental protection and efficient energy use. The customers also incorporate the innovative use of emerging or new energy technologies. One customer is chosen in each of the seven SMUD Board wards.

For more information about SMUD’s commercial programs that can save businesses money on electric bills, visit smud.org.

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