



Executive Profile:

Paul Lau Chief Executive Officer & General Manager



Paul Lau, who previously served as SMUD's Chief Grid Strategy & Operations Officer, was named Chief Executive Officer & General Manager in October 2020. He reports to the SMUD Board of Directors. As CEO, he leads the sixth largest community-owned electric utility in the nation, serving a population of 1.5 million residents and managing a \$2.1 billion budget.

As Chief Grid Strategy & Operations Officer, Lau was responsible for the operations of SMUD's power markets, transmission and distribution grids, including the Balancing Authority of Northern California, the development of a holistic smart grid strategy and SMUD's research and development programs. In this role, he served as executive sponsor for SMUD's deployment of advanced metering infrastructure and smart grid initiatives.

A 41-year SMUD veteran, Lau has held several other executive leadership positions, including Assistant General Manager of Power Supply & Grid Operations and Assistant General Manager of Customer, Distribution & Technology.

Lau is the Board Chair of the Smart Electric Power Alliance, a Commissioner of the Balancing Authority of Northern California and serves on the boards of the Large Public Power Council, American Public Power Association, California Municipal Utilities Association, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, and the California Mobility Center. He also serves on the boards of several Sacramento-area community organizations, including the Greater Sacramento Economic Council and Valley Vision. He serves as Director-at-Large and is Past Chair of the Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce.

Active in international energy issues, Lau serves as a delegate with the United States Energy Association, where he has helped with electrification, operations and demand-side management in countries such as Bangladesh, India and Jordan.

A registered professional electrical engineer in the state of California, Lau received his bachelor's degree in electrical power engineering from California State University, Sacramento. He is also a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum.

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As the nation's sixth-largest community-owned electric service provider, SMUD has been providing low-cost, reliable electricity for 75+ years to Sacramento County (and small adjoining portions of Placer and Yolo counties).

SMUD is a recognized industry leader and award winner for its innovative energy efficiency programs, renewable power technologies, and for its sustainable solutions for a healthier environment. In 2020, SMUD's power supply was on average more than 50 percent carbon free, and SMUD has a goal to reach zero carbon in its electricity production by 2030. For more information on SMUD's Zero Carbon Plan and its customer programs, visit smud.org.

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Executive Profile:

Laura Lewis Chief Legal & Government Affairs Officer and General Counsel

Laura Lewis is the Chief Legal & Government Affairs Officer and General Counsel for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). In this position, Ms. Lewis is responsible for managing and coordinating all SMUD legal matters, including litigation, contested regulatory agency proceedings, settlement discussions, and claims management. She operates as a strategic resource for the Board of Directors, general manager, and executive management team regarding the development of SMUD policies, strategies, programs and initiatives. Additionally, she serves as the secretary to SMUD's elected Board of Directors.

Ms. Lewis also oversees SMUD's government affairs and reliability compliance department. In this capacity, she is responsible for management and coordination of all legislative matters and regulatory requirements affecting SMUD at the state and federal level, including the FERC-NERC electric reliability standards.

Ms. Lewis first joined SMUD in 1997 as a staff attorney, serving in that capacity through 1999, after which she moved to the San Francisco law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine. In 2002, she returned to SMUD as a senior attorney. She served as assistant general counsel and chief assistant general counsel, before being appointed as SMUD's General Counsel by the SMUD Board in 2014.

Ms. Lewis serves as General Counsel to the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), as a Board member of the Midtown Association, as a Board member of ProjectAttain!, and as a Board member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Lewis received her undergraduate degree (B.A. 1993) from the University of California at San Diego, and her J.D with great distinction (Order of the Coif 1997) from McGeorge School of Law.

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