



## SMUD HPP - March Newsletter

### New SMUD HPP Program Manager at Efficiency First California

As of March 1, Stacy Drake replaced Moe Srifi as your new contact at Efficiency First California for all your SMUD HPP questions and assistance. Stacy's e-mail is [stacy@efficiencyfirstca.org](mailto:stacy@efficiencyfirstca.org) and her phone number remains the same: 510-788-0463.

### Important 2017 HPP updates you might have missed:

On February 24 SMUD and Efficiency First California held a contractor meeting unveiling new SMUD requirements and program updates for the SMUD Home Performance Program (HPP). For your benefit, the meeting content has been preserved at this link as a [PowerPoint Presentation that you can read online](#).

Some changes you need to be aware of in the event you missed the meeting are:

- **Minimum one new job submission per calendar quarter is required** to remain on the SMUD HPP Contractor Website list. [Read the full explanation on page 22 of the presentation.](#) **Deadline for Q1, 2017 is March 31, 2017**
- **Permit number required-** The permit number needs to be included (preferably at the time of job submission) on the JRT for

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submission, it **MUST** be included at the time of final job submission. There are some exceptions to this rule because Title 24 does not require certain measures to be permitted. If your project **only** includes the following: attic insulation, wall insulation without drywall removal, crawlspace insulation, air sealing, and duct sealing, a permit is not required. **If you add any other item from the list of options-** then this would require a building permit number to be accepted for a rebate. At this time, **Permit closure/ final is not required by SMUD to process the rebate.** [Read the full explanation on page 5 & 6 of the meeting presentation.](#)

### Additional incentives added:

- Smart Thermostats ( Nest and Ecobee 3<sup>rd</sup> generation only at this time) are now **\$75**
- Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure is now **\$500**
- Converting from a gas water heater to a qualifying heat pump water heater receives **\$1500** (See note below)
- These additional incentive explanations can be found [From page 7 of the meeting presentation.](#)

**NOTE:** SMUD will be holding a training seminar on converting from gas to heat pump water heaters on March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Rubicon room from 9-12. [Click here for more information and to register](#)

### Measures eliminated and changed:

- Due to no one ever choosing this measure, Vapor Barrier as a standalone measure has been removed from the HPP menu. Vapor Barrier is still required when adding crawlspace insulation.
- Duct Leakage - Title 24 requirements changed to 5% max. When installing new ducts.
- **REMINDER-** HPP cannot be involved with a home that has Knob and Tube wiring existing in the attic. If a customer is unwilling to convert to new Romex type wiring, the SMUD Home

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... as an HPP project. The standalone HVAC rebate could be utilized. We will not be involved with insulating over knob and tube, and since insulation is a requirement of HPP, then this disqualifies the project completely.

Be sure to visit <http://cbpca-hpp.org/> regularly for program updates and valuable SMUD HPP contractor support documents such as the Contractor Handbook.

Have a great month! Please let us if we can be of assistance and thank you for participating in the SMUD HPP.



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