### Reducing Residential Energy Demand In Production Built New Homes

#### A Synopsis of SMUD's ZENH Proposal To The California Energy Commission

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## ZENH Project

- Funded by \$2.5M from the California Energy Commission PEIR Program
  - Elaine Hebert, Commission Contract Manager
- Project Partner: San Diego Gas & Electric
  - Ahmed Abdullah, Project Manager
- Contract Start: Q3-08, Duration: 3 years
  - David Hatfield, SMUD Project Manager



## ZENH Concept

#### Balance of project team

- Production builders (Sac'to & San Diego)
- Building energy consultant(s)
- EEM suppliers
- HERS inspectors
- Min. performance: T24, Tier 2+ (>35%)
- Cost-Effectiveness
  - Basis: cash flow, net energy, net cost, et al.



# ZENH Deployment

#### Two communities

Sacramento & San Diego, ~75 homes total

#### Base design

- incl. EEMs standard in all community homes
- Builder options
  - value added EEMs in selected homes
- Buyer options
  - add'l EEMs selected by home buyer



### **ZENH Project Activities**

- Base design concept/validation
  - options selection
- Utility and regulatory new business models
- Initial build and HERS evaluation
  - feed back best practices and guidebook
- Build out, commissioning, buyer education
- M&E, T&D impact
- Reporting and technology transfer



## **Options For Consideration**

- Thermal mass
- Super efficient HVAC
- Programmable/Controllable thermostats
- Energy storage
- TOU/CPP rate options
- Demand response
- Controls/Home energy management system
- PV (capacity exceeding the base design)
- Others...



## ZENH Project R&D Goals

### Evaluate perf. of base design EEMs

- technology-related
- behavior-related
- Test several "next step" technologies
- Survey homeowner comfort/satisfaction
- Analyze cost of EEMs
  - base design
  - builder/owner options



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