



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES - ITEM 8
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

Recommend the Board Authorize the CEO or his Designee to Execute Geothermal Opportunity Zone (GeoZone) Cooperation Agreements with Chevron New Energies, Cyrq Energy Inc., and Eavor Inc

(1:45 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:44:57)

This item was split into three separate votes and public comments on each perspective Cooperation Agreement.

Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics, gave a background on the GeoZone and explained the Cooperation Agreements were with Chevron New Energies, Cyrq Energy Inc., and Eavor Inc. He explained that staff had put together the three Cooperation Agreements that will allow them to demonstrate their technology and if successful, the technology will be scalable.

Member Wells asked if Lake County was included in the discussions and CEO Syphers responded that they were, but Lake County Supervisors want to understand the specifics of what is involved before considering joining the GeoZone and SCP will continue to work with them. Member Lipp asked about Federal grants for Cyrq and Director Tracey responded that they were due soon. Chair Morris asked if language regarding obtaining permits is included in the in the agreements and Director Tracey answered that permits are necessary but not a prerequisite to the agreements. Chair Morris also asked if local tribes had been brought into the discussion and CEO Syphers said that two had been in discussions with SCP, but Director Tracey explained that none of the contracts were currently contemplating projects on tribal land. Chair Morris asked if each contract anticipated scaling up to 200 MW if the pilot projects were successful and Director Tracey answered in the affirmative. Chair Morris expressed that Chevron brings a history of fossil fuels with it and CEO Syphers explained that he has communicated those same concerns with Chevron from the first meeting as well.

Motion to Recommend the Board Authorize the CEO or his Designee to Execute Geothermal Opportunity Zone (GeoZone) Cooperation Agreement with Chevron New Energies by Vice Chair Quinlan

Second: Member Wells

Public Comment: Woody Hastings raised concerns as to a contract with Chevron.

Motion passed by roll call vote

AYES: Quinlan, Morris, Dowd, Kelly, Wells, Nicholls, Booth, Lipp

ABSENT: Fenichel, Hollinshead, Johnson

Motion to Recommend the Board Authorize the CEO or his Designee to Execute Geothermal Opportunity Zone (GeoZone) Cooperation Agreement with Cyrq Energy Inc. by Member Dowd

Second: Vice Chair Quinlan

Public Comment: Woody Hastings encouraged SCP to maintain engagement with stakeholders and outreach regarding the Geysers.

Motion passed by roll call vote

AYES: Quinlan, Morris, Dowd, Kelly, Wells, Nicholls, Booth, Lipp

ABSENT: Fenichel, Hollinshead, Johnson

Motion to Recommend the Board Authorize the CEO or his Designee to Execute Geothermal Opportunity Zone (GeoZone) Cooperation Agreement with Eavor by Vice Chair Quinlan

Second: Member Dowd

Public Comment: None

Motion passed by roll call vote

AYES: Quinlan, Morris, Dowd, Kelly, Wells, Nicholls, Booth, Lipp

ABSENT: Fenichel, Hollinshead, Johnson