



**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024
1:00 P.M.**

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Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics, announced that he had attended a workshop with the Department of Energy (DOE) in Washington D.C. Director Tracey discussed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and transmission. He discussed the California Energy Commission's upcoming grant workshop and stated that he would be working on a joint regional grant with Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake Counties.

Member Dowd stated that he wants SCP to keep up the good work with GeoZone. Member Hagen asked what the major roadblocks for GeoZone are, and Director Tracey answered it is mostly timelines for CEQA and exploratory drilling. Chair Morris asked if there have been any legislative attempts to streamline CEQA and Director Tracey said there have been bills, but most were happening at the federal level. Chair Morris then asked if the Federal report on transmission was coming out soon, and Director Tracey stated the DOE was taking an approach as to what makes sense. Member Nicholls stated that it would be beneficial for SCP to work with Sonoma and Mendocino County's Economic Development Districts and CEO Syphers stated he would like to discuss the GeoZone with them. Member Hollinshead asked if fracking is used at the Geysers and Director Tracey described the methods used in the GeoZone and the differences between oil and gas fracking, versus the methods used for geothermal. Member Soto asked if the GeoZone could end up in capital projects and CEO Syphers answered that it is too soon to know, but having the capacity to build and operate facilities is something SCP is working toward over the coming years.

Public Comment: None