



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025
1:00 P.M.**

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Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics, announced that Chevron had disclosed its site in the GeoZone as Pocket Ranch, but at the same time Chevron made an internal decision to defer their decision on drilling an exploration well on the site. Director Tracey explained that delays are to be expected but this is still disappointing because Chevron would be unable to receive the Department of Energy's geothermal grant. Director Tracey also announced that there will be a GeoZone Town Hall meeting on February 6, 2025. CEO Syphers added that it is difficult for our partners in the GeoZone to permit in California so one of SCP's goals is to look for strategies to streamline the permitting process.

Member Hollinshead asked if this was pushing completion back and CEO Syphers responded that it was hard to know at this point. Member Soto asked if the uniqueness of the GeoZone is a drawback to many companies and CEO Syphers responded that he didn't think so but there are drilling challenges for every different type of rock. Member Hollinshead asked if awareness was growing for the need to enhance the permitting process because of climate change and CEO Syphers responded that the conversation is growing in Sacramento and Washinton, D.C. CEO Syphers added that SCP is working with Chevron to understand how to improve the process and what would be helpful in the future. Member Kelly asked how the Geysers are depleted and Director Tracey answered that whenever you extract water and heat from a traditional hydrothermal system, the water level lowers, but the water recharge program helped to stabilize the Geysers. Chair Morris asked how large Chevron's property is west of the Geysers and Director Tracey answered that it was over 1,000 acres.

Public Comment: None sent.