



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025
1:00 P.M.**

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CEO Syphers introduced both the item and Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics. Director Tracey provided an update on the GeoZone project, stating that SCP's GeoZone partners will not meet the milestones outlined in their contracts, prompting SCP to request a mutual agreed upon termination of the contract. Director Tracey said SCP is now focusing on making geothermal development more attractive to future potential partners.

Member Heffler asked if SCP was seeking new partners. CEO Syphers said the current focus is on regulatory changes to support geothermal development. Vice Chair Kelly asked how momentum for geothermal energy would be maintained. CEO Syphers said setbacks have been minor, key lessons learned, and SCP will be ready when regulations shift. He emphasized GeoZone as a long-term, generational project. Member Hollinshead asked if more learning was needed. CEO Syphers and Director Tracey said the main challenge is learning techniques for drilling in local rock and de-risking the investment. Vice Chair Kelly asked how California's high land and labor costs might affect geothermal development. CEO Syphers responded that de-risking early exploration through grants, subsidies, or low-cost loans would be essential.

Public Comment: None