



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

Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update and Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Delegated Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or his Designee to Terminate the Geothermal Opportunity Zone Cooperation Agreement with Chevron New Energies and Execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Chevron New Energies for Collaborating to Develop Geothermal in the Western Interconnection

Ryan Tracey, Chief Strategy Officer, provided some background on GeoZone agreements which included milestone deadlines. Of these deadlines, Chevron's was set for March 2026, however, Chevron has indicated over the past year that it will not meet all required milestones by that date. Due to Chevron's delayed progress and uncertain timeline, SCP staff has recommended terminating the existing cooperation agreement with Chevron New Energies for geothermal development in the GeoZone, while proposing a new Memorandum of Understanding to maintain collaboration on broader geothermal efforts in the Western U.S. The termination preserves SCP's right of first refusal and ensures continued communication and stakeholder engagement for any future activity in the GeoZone. Additionally, CSO Tracey shared that the County of Sonoma, working closely with SCP, has been awarded a California Energy Commission (CEC) grant of \$1.36 million. This grant will help fund regional geothermal planning projects with Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake counties, aimed at improving data and permitting processes for future geothermal development.

Public Comment: None

Chair Lipp requested this item be separated into two separate votes, the termination of the agreement and execution of the MOU.

Motion to Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Delegated Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or his Designee to Terminate the Geothermal

Opportunity Zone Cooperation Agreement with Chevron New Energies by Member Nicholls.

Second: Member Dowd

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Lipp, Hollinshead, Soto, Dowd, Wang, Hagen, Heffler, Nicholls, Morris

ABSENT: Kelly

Motion to Recommend the Board of Directors Execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Chevron New Energies for Collaborating to Develop Geothermal in the Western Interconnection by Member Dowd

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Lipp, Hollinshead, Soto, Dowd, Wang, Hagen, Heffler, Nicholls, Morris

ABSENT: Kelly