



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES - ITEM 4
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

Recommend the Board Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his Designee to Execute Memorandum of Understanding Agreements with GeoZone Private Partners and Initiate Negotiations of Public-Private Cooperation Agreements

(1:54 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:54:33)

Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics, introduced this item as how SCP figures out how to best fulfill the goals of the GeoZone. He explained that SCP started their solicitation period in the spring to investigate geothermal energy sources and had selected three companies and their proposals to move forward with. Those three companies are Eavor, Chevron New Energies, and Cyrq Energy. He explained that with these proposals SCP wants to ensure the continued operation of the existing Geysers facilities while expanding regional output. Due to the very different approaches and risks of the three short-listed companies, staff recommend moving forward with all three.

Chair Quinlan mentioned that he was interested in Eavor because he believes that Sonoma County wastewater could be better used especially during times of drought and asked what type of fluid they use. Director Tracey explained that Eavor uses some water, but that water then goes through a heat exchanger to transfer the heat to an organic fluid for the power cycle. Chair Quinlan then asked if SCP gains something from this MOU step and CEO Syphers explained that because this is a big undertaking the more steps and transparency the better, and federal funding opportunities may mean that having an MOU in place immediately valuable when applying for grants.

Vice Chair Morris inquired about reputational issues that Chevron has and whether Calpine is involved yet. CEO Syphers responded that Chevron's reputational issues have already been called out and Calpine has been closely involved in the early GeoZone process. Member Hollinshead asked if Cyrq's proposal would be applied to existing facilities and Director Tracey responded that Cyrq's would, and Chevron's might. Director Wells asked what the pool of proposals looked like, and Director Tracey responded that it was narrowed from 7 to 3.

Public Comment: None

Motion to recommend the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute memorandum of understanding agreements with GeoZone private partners and initiate negotiations of public-private cooperation agreements by Member Dowd

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote

AYES: Quinlan, Morris, Hollinshead, Johnson, Dowd, Wells, Nicholls, Booth, Lipp

ABSENT: Fenichel, Kelly