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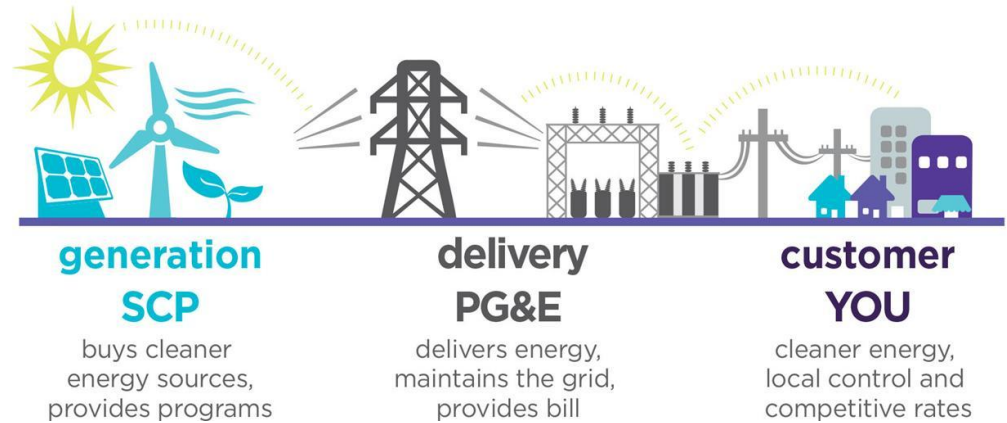
Affordable, Reliable, Clean Energy for Our Community

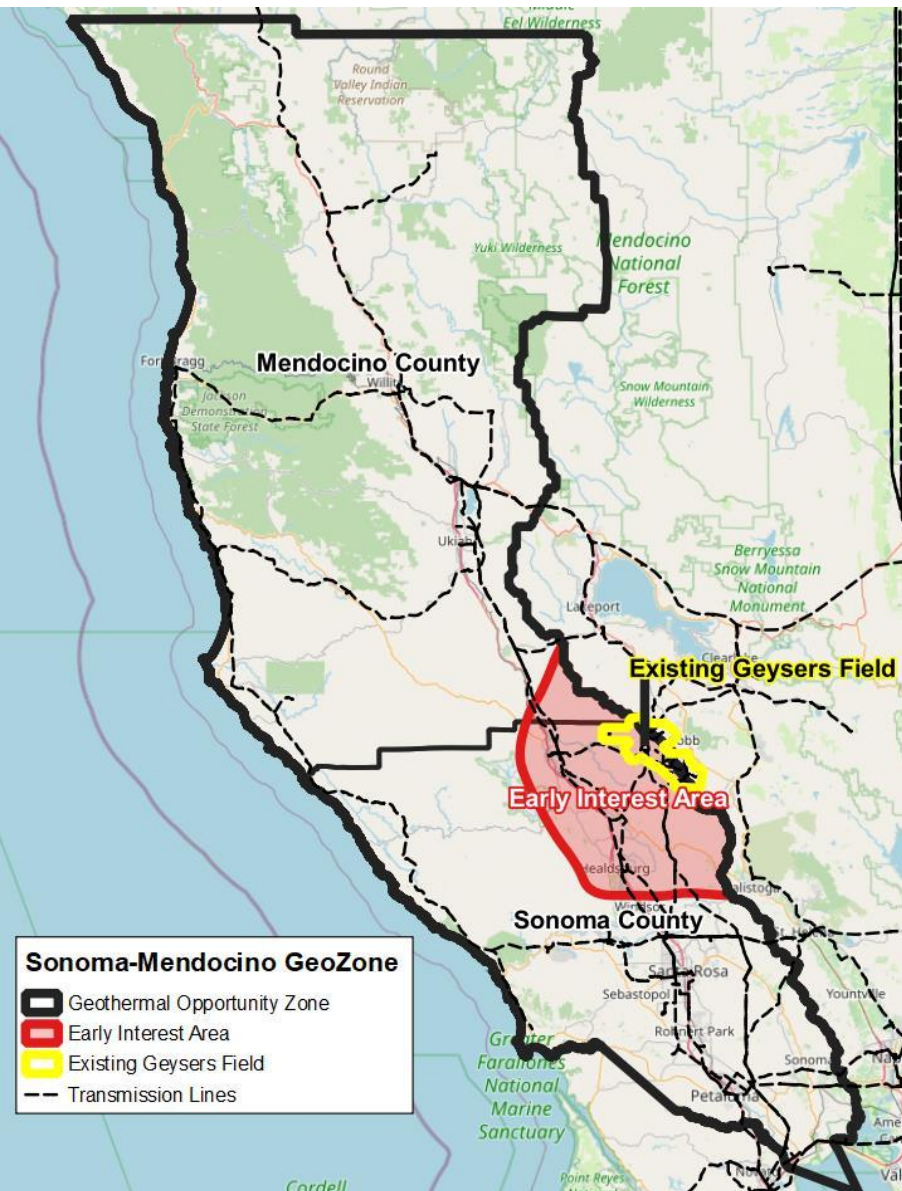


**Sonoma
Clean Power**

Sonoma Clean Power

- Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) serving Sonoma and Mendocino counties.
- Provides electricity generated by cleaner energy sources at a competitive cost.
- Offers tailored customer programs and greater reinvestment in local communities.





GeoZone

- Partnership between Sonoma Clean Power and the counties of Mendocino and Sonoma.
- Our effort to build 600 megawatts of new, next-generation geothermal energy over the next decade.
- Geothermal power can generate clean energy 24/7 and replace natural gas on a large scale.



Challenge

- When the sun's not shining, wind isn't blowing, and batteries are depleted – **we need more clean “baseload” power.**
- California still relies on natural gas power plants to keep our lights on – major health and financial costs.
- The high costs of energy and electricity bills.
- The demand for electricity continues to grow.



Los Angeles, CA

Strategy

- Identified next-generation geothermal as the most viable solution for SCP and California.
- In 2022, issued a Request for Information to identify potential developers; 3 selected.
- Criteria included:
 - Minimal water and land use
 - Commercial scalability
 - Compatibility with local community values
- Discovered significant legislative and regulatory barriers to geothermal development.
- Partnered with academia and the geothermal industry to drive momentum.

Opportunity

- Developers are building next-generation geothermal projects...but not in California.
- Local geothermal development would help SCP:
 - Lower customer costs
 - Secure reliable local energy
 - Create good-paying, highly skilled jobs
 - Direct millions of dollars into the local economy
 - Provide 100% clean power, day or night, rain or shine



Community Engagement

- Presentations and meetings with local community groups, government agencies, and key partners.
- Building relationships with Tribes, labor, and environmental organizations.
- Town Hall meetings for the public.
- Monthly updates to SCP's Board and Community Advisory Committee.



What We've Heard So Far

- Mostly positive reception - electricity is too expensive, and we need more clean, reliable power.
- General questions and concerns around:
 - Seismicity/safety
 - Holding private partners accountable
 - Impacts of construction on nearby communities
 - Water and land use
 - How new technologies differ
 - Ensuring public oversight



Value of Local Leadership

- More opportunities for the public input, outside of CEQA or required engagements.
- Accountability of elected officials and leaders.
- Coordinated, clear expectations for developers.
- More avenues for feedback and project oversight.
- Community ownership and long-term visioning.



Legislative Efforts

- Reduce roadblocks for developing new geothermal in California.
- Sponsored AB 1359 last year, which was signed into law by Governor Newsom.
- Sponsoring three bills this year:
 - AB 526 (Papan) – held on suspense file
 - AB 527 (Papan)
 - AB 531 (Rogers)



Regulatory Efforts

- Held a transmission summit and legislative briefing in July 2025.
- Advocating at the CPUC for proactive transmission planning, transparency, and affordability.
- Emphasizing importance of geothermal at the CEC in SB 100 and other processes.
- Identifying public funding opportunities to de-risk early development.



Thank you! Questions?

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