

# Lake County Community & Stakeholder Demands for Geothermal GeoZone Participation

This document outlines key demands and conditions that Lake County residents and stakeholders urge the Board of Supervisors to require in any future agreements involving the Sonoma-Lake-Mendocino Geothermal Opportunity Zone (GeoZone). These terms are intended to ensure that Lake County receives fair economic, environmental, and infrastructural benefits for hosting geothermal resources that may be developed under agreements with Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCPA) and private developers.

## Key Demands for Lake County

1. **Revenue Sharing** – Require a guaranteed annual payment or royalty from any geothermal project sited in or benefiting Lake County, indexed to energy output so county income grows with production.
2. **Local Ownership or Equity Participation** – Secure partial county ownership or revenue participation in geothermal facilities to ensure long-term income for the County and community.
3. **Local Rate Benefits** – Negotiate preferential power rates or allocation of a portion of geothermal power output for Lake County residents, businesses, and public facilities.
4. **Infrastructure Investment** – Require binding commitments to reinvest project revenues into local infrastructure: roads, fire protection, broadband, and grid improvements.
5. **Local Workforce & Business Priority** – Mandate the use of local labor and contracting, with local hiring and training programs for geothermal development and maintenance.
6. **Environmental Protection Standards** – Apply higher-than-minimum environmental safeguards for water usage, air quality, seismic risk, and wildlife protection.
7. **Community Oversight & Approval** – Ensure Lake County has a binding vote or veto power on project siting, environmental review, and operations that affect its jurisdiction.
8. **Transparency & Accountability** – Establish strict reporting, independent auditing, and public access to financial, environmental, and operational data of any GeoZone projects.
9. **Long-Term Community Benefits Agreement (CBA)** – Tie participation to a formal CBA that legally guarantees these benefits before project approval.

These conditions reflect the community's expectation that geothermal development in Lake County must not simply export local resources for outside gain, but instead deliver fair, measurable, and lasting benefits to Lake County residents, businesses, and the environment. We urge the Board of Supervisors to formally adopt and negotiate these requirements in any participation or development agreements related to the GeoZone.

**Submitted by concerned residents of Lake County**

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