

# Meeting agenda

December 12, 2024; 9-11 a.m.

Zoom meeting

1. 9 a.m. **Chair's call to order** (Mark Friedman)

2. 9 a.m. **Approval of minutes** (Mark Friedman)– **ACTION** ..... Page 1

3. 9 a.m. **Governance** (Mark Friedman) ..... Page 3

a. Appointment of Directors– **ACTION**

b. Board of Directors meeting calendar

c. Upcoming events and engagement opportunities

d. Financial update (Kimberly Menzel/Brian Conner)

i. September financials

e. Investor updates

4. 9:20 a.m. **The Plant** (Gabe Youtsey)

*The Plant is a cutting-edge innovation center focused on innovating agriculture, food and climate solutions through the power of AI and biotechnology. By leveraging advanced technologies, The Plant aims to address some of the most pressing challenges in these sectors, from sustainability to food security. Its unique model centers around tech commercialization at the industry-academic interface, bridging the gap between breakthrough research and real-world application. This approach accelerates the development of transformative solutions that drive positive environmental and societal impact.*

5. 9:40 a.m. **California Jobs First Initiative** (Evan Schmidt)

*California Jobs First is allocating \$600M to 13 regions statewide to promote inclusive regional planning, investment in projects focused on equity, job quality and sustainability and maximizing economic development through strategic state investments. Hear from Evan Schmidt on the work being done with "We Prosper Together," which received \$14M aimed to invest in the Capital region's economy by supporting emerging projects.*

6. 10:00 a.m. **SMUD's 2030 clean energy vision update** (Paul Lau)

*Hear an update from CEO and General Manager Paul Lau as SMUD continues its leadership in clean energy with a bold goal of achieving zero carbon emissions in its power supply by 2030 – the most ambitious target of any large U.S. utility. This commitment aligns with SMUD's dedication to safe, reliable and affordable power, while positioning the Sacramento region as a hub for environmentally conscious businesses and climate innovation.*

7. 10:20 a.m. **Promoting the employment of people with autism and developmental disabilities** (Marjorie Solomon)

*Hear from the MIND Institute to inform GSEC about the inclusive hiring efforts at the MIND Institute and UC Davis Health and to explore opportunities for GSEC Board Members to join the MIND Institute Business Advisory Council or access its services. This presentation aims to discuss potential collaborations in the inclusive employment space.*

8. 10:35 a.m. **Driving momentum: Q2 insights and looking ahead** (Troels Adrian)

*Hear from our Executive Vice President on an update on our Q2 performance, highlighting strong results and key milestones achieved and how we're leveraging the region's momentum to accelerate progress.*

9. 10:55 a.m. **In memoriam: honoring John Hidahl's legacy and contributions** (Barry Broome)

*We take a moment to honor the remarkable legacy of Supervisor John Hidahl, a dedicated public servant, visionary leader and compassionate advocate for El Dorado County. His unwavering commitment to community and his exceptional leadership have left an enduring impact on the region and all who had the privilege of knowing him.*

**Adjournment**