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Lithium Valley Vision Workshop Itinerary

June 13, 2025

Building out the Transportation Infrastructure to Support Lithium Valley

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

9:00 Administrative Items

9:05 Opening Remarks from the Dais

- Noemí Gallardo, Commissioner, California Energy Commission (CEC)
- Toks Omishakin, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)
- Jesus Escobar, Imperial County Board of Supervisors (District 1)
- Silvia Paz, Executive Director of Alianza Coachella Valley, former Chair of the Lithium Valley Commission
- Christine Casey, Deputy Secretary, Freight Policy, CalSTA

9:30 Transportation Planning for Lithium Valley

Moderator: Allan Kosup, California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)

Panelists:

- John Gay, County of Imperial
- David Aguirre, Imperial County Transportation Commission
- Steven Mateer, Southern California Association of Governments
- Laure Pennebaker, CalTrans

10:50 Assessing the Transportation Infrastructure Needs of the Lithium and Geothermal Ecosystem

Moderator: Tim Kelley, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation

Panelists:

- Jim Turner, Controlled Thermal Resources
- Derek Benson, EnergySource Minerals
- Jon Trujillo, BHE Renewables
- Christina Fleming, BHE Renewables

11:30 Questions from Dais and Public

11:45 General Public Comment

12:00 Break

1:15 Ensuring Communities Benefit from the Transportation Infrastructure

Moderator: Roy Abboud, Caltrans

Panelists:

- Michael Luellen, City of Calipatria
- Daniela Flores, IV Equity and Justice
- Eric Reyes, Amigos de la Comunidad
- Jacob Rodriguez, Jobs to Move America

1:55 Questions from Dais and Public

2:10 Planning for a Sustainable Lithium Valley Freight System

Moderator: Jimmy O'Dea, CalTrans

Panelists:

- Matt Soule, Parallel Systems (*confirmed*)
- Salim Youssefzadeh, WattEV
- Kristi Villareal, CEC

2:40 Questions from the Dais and Public

2:55 General Public Comment

3:20 Closing Remarks from the Dais

3:30 Adjourn