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## **The California Lithium Supply Chain Opportunity**

Thank you to the CEC for organizing such a great event. I was very impressed by the caliber of people selected to speak including representatives from lithium buyers, project developers, major mining companies, and other groups.

Building a direct lithium extraction (DLE) project in the Salton Sea will not be easy, but it is not impossible. There is a lot we can learn from the failures of the past in both DLE and general lithium project development from nitty gritty technical considerations (e.g. you cannot develop a geothermal lithium project/flowsheet using synthetic brines because their chemistry is so complex) all the way up to how California fits into that global supply chain.

I look forward to supporting the CEC, these projects, and projects like them in the future, and I wish all the developers good luck.