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**Lithium Valley Commission
Meeting Action Minutes - March 25, 2021**

The Lithium Valley Commission meeting was called to order on March 25, 2021, at 1:30 PM by Lithium Valley Commission Chair Silvia Paz.

Attendance: Lithium Valley Commissioners

- Rod Colwell
- Roderic Dolega
- Miranda Flores
- Martha Guzman Aceves
- James C. Hanks
- Ryan E. Kelley
- Arthur Lopez
- Luis Olmedo
- Silvia Paz
- Frank Ruiz
- Manfred Scott
- Thomas Soto
- Jonathan Weisgall

Commission vacancies

- Senate Committee on Rules Commission Seat.

Presentations

A compiled set of the presentations identified below has been docketed and can be found here: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=237359&DocumentContentId=70545>

- The presentation from the CEC’s Chief Counsel’s Office regarding the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and sub-bodies or working groups was deferred to the April 2021 meeting
- Guest speaker, Logan Goldie-Scot, BloombergNEF, provided updates on the Global Lithium Market
- Panel Discussion and Presentation on Active Lithium Recovery Facilities:
 - UC Riverside Professor Michael McKibben on comparison of Salton Sea geothermal lithium and other lithium reserves
 - Jonathan Weisgall on BHE Renewables Update
 - Rod Colwell on Controlled Thermal Resources’ Hell’s Kitchen overview

Voting Items

1. **Accept Action Minutes from February Meeting**

Tom Soto moved to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021 kickoff meeting, and Jonathan Weisgall seconded. The vote passes by a majority roll call vote to accept the minutes.

- Record of Votes:
 - Rod Colwell - Yes
 - Roderic Dolega - Yes
 - Miranda Flores - Yes
 - Martha Guzman Aceves - Yes
 - James C. Hanks - Yes
 - Ryan E. Kelley – Yes

- Arthur Lopez - Abstain
- Luis Olmedo - Yes
- Silvia Paz - Yes
- Frank Ruiz - Yes
- Manfred Scott - Yes
- Thomas Soto - Yes
- Jonathan Weisgall – Yes

2. Consider Rules of Order

Tom Soto moved to consider the outline of the Rules of Order and Ryan Kelly seconded. The vote passes unanimously by roll call vote to approve having the CEC continue to formulate the Rules of Order to be presented at a future meeting for approval.

- Record of Votes:

- Rod Colwell - Yes
- Roderic Dolega - Yes
- Miranda Flores - Yes
- Martha Guzman Aceves - Yes
- James C. Hanks - Yes
- Ryan E. Kelley – Yes
- Arthur Lopez - Yes
- Luis Olmedo - Yes
- Silvia Paz - Yes
- Frank Ruiz - Yes
- Manfred Scott - Yes
- Thomas Soto - Yes
- Jonathan Weisgall - Yes

3. Vice Chair

Jonathan Weisgall moved to nominate Ryan Kelly as Vice Chair, and Tom Soto seconded. The vote passes unanimously by roll call vote to elect Ryan Kelly as Vice Chair.

- Record of Votes:

- Rod Colwell - Yes
- Roderic Dolega - Yes
- Miranda Flores - Yes
- Martha Guzman Aceves - Yes
- James C. Hanks - Yes
- Ryan E. Kelley – Yes
- Arthur Lopez - Yes
- Luis Olmedo - Yes
- Silvia Paz - Yes
- Frank Ruiz - Yes
- Manfred Scott - Yes
- Thomas Soto - Yes
- Jonathan Weisgall - Yes

Next Steps

- Next meeting to be held on April 29, 2021 @ 1:30 PM via Zoom.

Items of Interest and Resources Referenced During the Meeting

- Items e-filed to the [Lithium Valley Commission Docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01) can be found here:
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01>
- Legislation updates by CEC Office of Governmental and International Affairs
 - [SB 423](#)
 - [SB 551](#)
 - [AB 1397](#)
 - [SB 244](#)

- [SB 289](#)
- Media updates from CEC Media and Public Communications Office; articles relating to lithium
 - [“The race is on to strike ‘white gold’ at California’s Salton Sea,”](#) LA Times
 - [“Biden wants to create millions of clean-energy jobs. China and Europe are way ahead of him,”](#) Washington Post
 - [“Newsom’s \\$1.5 billion investment in clean transportation and jobs is vital to economic recovery,”](#) CalMatters
- Resources provided by attendees:
 - [Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center webinars](#)
 - [Nextgen Geo Virtual Event registration](#)