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**Lithium Valley Commission  
Meeting Action Minutes – August 26, 2021**

The Lithium Valley Commission meeting was called to order on August 26, 2021, at 1:30 PM by Lithium Valley Commission Chair Silvia Paz.

### Attendance: Lithium Valley Commissioners

- Steve Castaneda
- Rod Colwell
- James C. Hanks
- Ryan E. Kelley
- Luis Olmedo
- Silvia Paz
- Frank Ruiz
- Manfred Scott
- Jonathan Weisgall

Commissioner Roderic Dolega, Miranda Flores, Martha Guzman Aceves, Arthur Lopez, and Thomas Soto were not in attendance. Vice Chair Ryan Kelley and Commissioner Frank Ruiz joined the meeting late.

### Agenda

The vote on approval of the July Action Minutes was taken later in the meeting, when a quorum of Lithium Valley Commissioners was present.

### Presentations

A compiled set of the presentations identified below and shared during the August 26, 2021 meeting can be found here: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/meeting/2021-08/lithium-valley-commission-meeting>

- The Developing Geothermal and Lithium Co-Production Workshop conducted during the Lithium Valley Commission Public Meeting had 97 total attendees. Charlene Wardlow with CalGEM provided a presentation on existing geothermal production and existing geothermal facilities in Imperial County. Charlene Wardlow moderated a discussion with three panelists who presented on permitting and planning geothermal and lithium facilities within Imperial County. These panelists being Jim Minnick with the Imperial County Planning Department Services, Henry Martinez with Imperial Irrigation District (IID), and Susanne Heim with Panorama Environmental, Inc. These presentations were followed by a discussion moderated by Charlene Wardlow and a question and answer period.
- A decision on the January 2022 meeting topic was approved as the following:
  - September – Market Opportunities for Lithium
  - October – Environmental Impacts
  - December – Incentives and Economic Impacts
  - January – Workforce Development

## Voting Items

### 1. Accept Action Minutes from August Meeting

*Commissioner Jonathan Weisgall moved to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2021 public meeting, and Commissioner Rod Colwell seconded. The vote passes by a majority roll call vote to approve the action minutes.*

- Record of Votes:
  - Steve Castaneda - Yes
  - Rod Colwell - Yes
  - James C. Hanks - Yes
  - Ryan E. Kelley - Yes
  - Luis Olmedo - Unavailable
  - Silvia Paz - Yes
  - Frank Ruiz - Unavailable
  - Manfred Scott - Abstain
  - Jonathan Weisgall - Yes

## Next Steps

- Next meeting to be held on September 30, 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
  - AB 423: [Bill Text - AB-423 Pupil instruction: financial literacy. \(ca.gov\)](#) can be found here:  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB423](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB423)
  - SB 551: [Bill Text - SB-551 California Zero-Emission Vehicle Authority.](#) can be found here:  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB551](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB551)
  - AB 983: [Bill Text - AB-983 Public contracts: construction projects: community workforce agreements: battery manufacturing and lithium-based technology. \(ca.gov\)](#) can be found here:  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB983](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB983)

- Media updates from CEC Media and Public Communications Office; articles relating to lithium
  - Calxico Chronicles
  - Fortune
  - Green Car Congress
  - Imperial Valley Press
  - KCRW
  - Los Angeles Times
  - NBC Palm Springs
  - News Channel 3
  - Spectrum News 1
  - S&P Global
  - The Desert Review
  - The Desert Sun
  - VICE
- Other Resources provided:
  - [Resources on Developing Geothermal and Lithium Coproduction](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=239445) can be found here: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=239445>
  - Meeting materials from the [August public meeting of the Lithium Valley Commission](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/meeting/2021-08/lithium-valley-commission-meeting) can be found here: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/meeting/2021-08/lithium-valley-commission-meeting>