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**Lithium Valley Commission  
Meeting Action Minutes – October 28, 2021**

The Lithium Valley Commission meeting was called to order on October 28, 2021, at 1:30 PM by Lithium Valley Commission Chair Silvia Paz.

### Attendance: Lithium Valley Commissioners

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

Commissioners Thomas Soto and Manfred Scott were not in attendance. Commissioners James Hanks, Arthur Lopez, and Vice Chair Ryan Kelley arrived late

### Presentations

A compiled set of the presentations identified below has been docketed and can be found here: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/meeting/2021-10/lithium-valley-commission-meeting>.

- The Environmental Impacts Workshop conducted during the October Lithium Valley Commission Meeting had two panel discussions, “Community Impacts” and “Environmental Planning,” and a total of 96 attendees.
- “Community Impacts” panelists included: Sylvia R. Chaves, a Calipatria Councilmember, Kim Delfino with Earth Advocacy, Thea N. Riofrancos, an Associate Professor of Political Science at Providence College, Jordan Sisson with Comite Civico del Valle, and John Hernandez with Our Roots Multicultural Center.
- “Environmental Planning” panelists included: Melinda Dorin and Mary U. Akens with Department of Water Resources, Tonya Marshall with Department of Fish and Wildlife, Kyle J. Dahl with US Army Corps of Engineers, and Israel Hernandez with Imperial County Air Pollution Control District.
- The panel discussions were followed by discussion with the commissioners and public comment.
- Workshop topics for future meetings were discussed as follows:
  - December – Incentives and Economic Impacts
  - January - Workforce Development
  - February – Benefits of/to Geothermal Plants
  - March – Overcoming Challenges to Lithium Extraction
  - April – Legislative Regulatory Recommendations

- The Lithium Valley Commission Community Forum will be conducted on November 17, 2021, from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm via Zoom. This meeting will be supported in three languages: English, Spanish, and Purepecha.
  - [Lithium Valley Commission Community Forum Webpage:](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/2021-11/lithium-valley-commission-community-forum)  
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## Voting Items

### 1. Approve Action Minutes from September Meeting

*Commissioner Weisgall moved to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2021 public meeting, and Commissioner Colwell seconded. The vote passed by a majority roll call vote to approve the action minutes.*

- Record of Votes:
 

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

## Next Steps

- Next meeting Lithium Valley Commission to be held on December 16, 2021 @ 9:00 AM 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>
- Media updates from CEC Media and Public Communications Office; articles relating to lithium
  - Marketplace, How We Survive: The Resource  
<https://www.marketplace.org/shows/how-we-survive/the-resource/>
  - 6 Park News, California, Local Tribe Members Join the Participation Against lithium Mining in Arizona and the Salton Sea <https://6park.news/california/local-tribal-members-join-the-participation-against-lithium-mining-in-arizona-and-the-salton-sea.html>
  - POLITICO, California Playbook <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/california-playbook/2021/10/15/to-glimpse-the-future-of-california-recalls-look-to-la-and-sf-494717>

- San Diego Union-Tribune, Lithium in Imperial Valley Could Light California's Future  
<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/commentary/story/2021-10-13/opinion-lithium-in-imperial-valley-could-light-states-future>
- KESQ News Channel 3, Troubled Waters: The 'White Gold Rush' at Salton Sea is Slow Going but Holds Major Lithium Pay Dirt <https://kesq.com/troubled-waters/2021/09/29/the-white-gold-rush-at-salton-sea-is-slow-going-but-holds-major-lithium-pay-dirt/>
- Other Resources provided:
  - Resources for the Environmental Impacts Workshop:  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=240161>