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Proposal to Lithium Valley Commissioners for an Ad Hoc committee on Community Engagement.

The Ad Hoc committee was proposed during the December Lithium Valley Commission Meeting. The summary below was sent to the CEC on January 27, 2022 for docket from the Ad Hoc Committee on Community Engagement submitted by Commissioner Olmedo.

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### Lithium Valley Commission

#### Proposal for Ad Hoc committee on Community Engagement

(Comm. Ryan Kelley, Comm. Luis Olmedo, Comm. Chair Silvia Paz, Comm. Frank Ruiz)

#### **Background**

On Monday January 10th, 2022 California Governor Gavin Newsom presented the new budget proposal that focuses on fighting Climate Change and developing Green Energy opportunities. This entire week there has been a plethora of online engagement outreach opportunities by the states' different Secretaries and Agencies. This rollout gives us a roadmap to continue on the Governor's plan of statewide engagement. It behooves the CEC and the Lithium Valley Commission to allow the affected fence-line communities to continue the dialogue and not only inform the residents, but also listen to their concerns and advice. Proper engagement can be delegated to Community Based Organizations with a proven track record of engagement. Productive engagement that provides equity cannot be an occasional activity, but rather a constant & continuous engagement throughout the entire endeavor.

#### **Proposal**

The Ad Hoc committee on Community Engagement will consist of no more than three official commissioners.

If required, two volunteering commissioners can be included as co-chairs for the Ad Hoc committee on Community Engagement.

The Ad Hoc committee will exclusively work with local community-based organizations in the Salton Sea region on providing proper community outreach and education in regards to the extraction of lithium. The Ad Hoc committee will develop materials in English, Spanish, and Purépecha for community-based organizations containing information about lithium. Information will range from upcoming Lithium Valley Commission meetings to what lithium is and what it's used for.

With transparency in mind, the Subcommittee will regularly update local community-based organizations on any new developments and internal discussions within the Lithium Valley Commission.

The Ad Hoc committee will work with local community-based organizations and exercise all options for proper community outreach. This includes but is not limited to informational flyers, social media posts, presentations, workshops, and tours.

The Ad Hoc committee will coordinate with local community-based organizations in order to estimate the number of community members reached and report back to the Lithium Valley Commission.

The Ad Hoc committee will prioritize **community-based solutions** and present said solutions to the Lithium Valley Commission.

The Ad Hoc committee will regularly report back any and all information to the Lithium Valley Commission. Lithium Valley Commissioners not a part of the Ad Hoc committee can but are not obligated to participate in community outreach strategies.

The Lithium Valley Commission needs to be allocated a budget to assure community engagement strategies are implemented to achieve equity and meaningful engagement into all the activities of the Lithium Valley Commission.

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