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Lithium Valley Commission Meeting

**March 24, 2022
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Remote Access Only**

Notice of Meeting

The Lithium Valley Commission will meet on Thursday, March 24, 2022, beginning at 1:30 p.m. with Spanish interpretation available. The meeting is being held remotely, consistent with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) as extended by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-1-22 to improve and enhance public access to state agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The public can participate in the meeting consistent with the direction provided below. The Lithium Valley Commission aims to begin promptly at the start time, and the end time is an estimate.

Background

Assembly Bill 1657 (Garcia, Chapter 271, 2020) (AB 1657) requires that the California Energy Commission (CEC) establish and convene the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California (referred to as the Lithium Valley Commission), which is charged with reviewing, investigating, and analyzing certain issues and potential incentives regarding lithium extraction. Additionally, the Lithium Valley Commission is required to submit a report to the legislature documenting its findings and recommendations on or before October 1, 2022.

More information about the Lithium Valley Commission can be found on the CEC's [Lithium Valley Commission webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/LithiumValleyCommission) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/LithiumValleyCommission>.

CEC commissioners may also attend and participate in the meeting, but no votes by them will be taken.

Agenda

Any of the agenda items, other than welcome, public comments, and member announcements may include a motion for specific action related to the topic and vote of the Lithium Valley Commission.

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Findings and Recommendations Identified During the Workforce Development Workshop
- Environmental Impacts Workshop

- Overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and environmental review of geothermal and lithium extraction projects and the responsibilities of public agencies
 - Q and A among Lithium Valley Commissioners
- Public participation and engagement in CEQA and opportunities for addressing environmental justice concerns in the review of geothermal facilities and lithium extraction projects
 - Q and A among Lithium Valley Commissioners
- Discussion of topics for future environmental impacts workshops
 - Q and A among Lithium Valley Commissioners
- Continued Discussion and Possible Action on Lithium Valley Commission’s Proposed Recommendations Related to Governor Newsom’s Proposed 2022-2023 Budget
 - Imperial County Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan Discussion
- Planning for Upcoming Workshops
 - Economic Impacts Workshop
 - Schedule for Future Workshops
- Administrative Items
 - Approval of Meeting Action Minutes for January 27, 2022; February 16, 2022; and February 24, 2022 Public Meetings
- Informational Items
 - Media and Legislative Updates
 - Lithium Valley Commissioner Updates
- Public Comments
- Adjourn

Remote Attendance Instructions

The meeting may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or going to [Zoom](https://join.zoom.us), <https://join.zoom.us>. Enter the ID and password listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, you may contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC’s Public Advisor at (916) 957-7910 or by email at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov.

Link to Meeting:

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/94393589309?pwd=bWRzSGFqK29uU0Z4SDdIM3psU3loUT09>

Meeting ID: 943 9358 9309

Meeting Password: LITHIUM

Use the “raise hand feature” to indicate you want to speak and the event facilitator will indicate when your line is open and ready for you to make comment.

To Participate by Telephone, dial (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (USA Toll Free) or (213) 338-8477 (CA Toll). When prompted, enter the ID: **943 9358 9309**. To comment, dial *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

Zoom's closed captioning service will be enabled for the meeting. The closed captioning is solely available in English. Attendees can use the service by clicking on the "live transcript" icon and then choosing either "show subtitle" or "view full transcript." The closed captioning service can be stopped by exiting out of the "live transcript" or selecting the "hide subtitle" icon. Participants joining by phone do not have the option to exit out of the closed captioning. A transcript of the meeting rendered by a professional court reporter will be filed into the Lithium Valley Commission docket and posted on the webpage.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The Lithium Valley Commission will accept oral comments on each agenda item during the meeting, as well as general comments about any topic relevant to the Lithium Valley Commission towards the conclusion of the meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes or less per speaker per agenda item, and one speaker per organization. Any comments become part of the public record. If participating via Zoom's platform, see detailed instructions above.

Additionally, the CEC's Public Advisor, who provides the public assistance in participating in CEC proceedings, may upon the request of public participants who may be absent during the meeting when a matter of interest to them is being considered, neutrally and publicly relate those participants' points to the Lithium Valley Commission on behalf of members of the public. If you are interested in this service, please email concise comments, specifying your main points, before the start of the meeting to the Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov. Comments submitted after the meeting starts will be filed in the Lithium Valley Commission docket. The CEC will work diligently to accommodate all requests.

Written comments. Please note that written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record with access available via any internet search engine.

Written comments may be submitted through one of the following three options:

- 1) Submit comments to the CEC's Docket Unit. The CEC uses an electronic commenting system to accept comments. Please follow the instructions below to provide written comments:
 - Go to the [CEC's E-Filing webpage](http://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/), at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/>.
 - Click "Comment on a Proceeding" in the Additional Information box.

- Type "20-LITHIUM-01" in the Select a Proceeding field.
- Click "Continue" to add a comment. Commenters are required to input their full name, email address, and comment title.
- Comment title should be formatted as "Jane Doe or Company Name Comment re: Lithium Valley Commission Meeting."
- Type comments into the "Comment Text" field or upload a document with comments. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®.
- Enter the CAPTCHA that is used to prevent spamming on the website. Then click on "Agree and Submit your Comments."

2) Email comments (include the docket number "20-LITHIUM-01 and Lithium Valley Commission Meeting" in the subject line) to the [Docket Unit](#) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/chief-counsels-office/docket-unit> (docket@energy.ca.gov).

3) A paper copy may be sent to:

California Energy Commission
 Docket Unit, MS-4
 Re: Docket No. 20-LITHIUM-01
 715 P Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Please note that there may be a significant delay in the Lithium Valley Commission receiving the comments submitted via paper copy due to very limited staff access to physical mail during the current COVID-19 restrictions. For that reason, the CEC encourages submission of any comments via e-filing or email.

Public Advisor and Other CEC Contacts

The CEC's Public Advisor assists the public with participating in CEC proceedings. To request interpreting services, modifications, or reasonable accommodations, contact the Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 957-7910. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least five days in advance. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on the availability of service or resource needed.

Direct media inquiries to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Direct questions about the Lithium Valley Commission meeting to Elisabeth de Jong at LithiumValleyCommission@energy.ca.gov and at (916) 957-7912.

Availability of Documents

[Documents and presentations](#) for this meeting will be available online at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01>, as well as the CEC's [Lithium Valley Commission webpage](#) found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the Lithium Valley Commission list server. To receive these notices, subscribe on the [Lithium Valley Commission webpage](#), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley>. Manage existing list servers or sign up for others at [CEC List Servers](#), at https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html.

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