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Lithium Valley Commission Meeting

May 12, 2022

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

In-Person and Teleconference Meeting

Primary Physical Location

Imperial Valley College
Planetarium

380 East Eten Road, Imperial, CA 92251

Additional Publicly Accessible Locations

5309 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814

California Natural Resource Agency, Mojave Room
715 P Street – 20th Floor, Room 20-104, Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting will Support In-Person Attendance and Remote Access
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Notice of Meeting

The Lithium Valley Commission will meet on Thursday, May 12, 2022, beginning at 1:30 p.m. with Spanish interpretation available via Zoom. The Lithium Valley Commission aims to begin promptly at the start time, and the end time is an estimate.

This will be a hybrid meeting, with multiple publicly accessible locations connected via teleconference. At least one Lithium Valley Commissioner will be at the primary physical location. Each of the other Commissioners will attend the meeting in-person at one of the additional locations listed above. Each physical location will be publicly accessible where the public can participate. The public can also access the meeting via remote teleconference as described below, to improve and enhance public access to meetings of state bodies. The meeting may be recorded.

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
 - Introduction of New Lithium Valley Commission Member
- Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Support Letter for Imperial County's Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan
- Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Findings and Recommendations Identified During the Environmental Impacts Workshop Held March 24, 2022
- Economic Impacts Workshop
 - Regional and Local Economy: Current Socio-economic Context
 - Discussion Among Lithium Valley Commissioners
 - Potential State and Community Economic Benefits of Lithium Valley Development
 - Discussion Among Lithium Valley Commissioners
- Planning for Upcoming Workshops and Meetings
 - Determination of Agenda Topics, Speakers, and Presentations for Future Meetings
 - Possible Continuation of Environmental Impacts Workshop
 - Incentives Workshop
 - Overcoming Challenges to Lithium Extraction Workshop
 - Future Meeting Schedule and Locations
- Administrative Items
 - Approval of Meeting Action Minutes for January 27, 2022, February 16, 2022, February 24, 2022, and March 24, 2022, Public Meetings
- Informational Items

- Media and Legislative Updates
- Lithium Valley Commissioner Updates
- Public Comment
- 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](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov) 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 Silvia Palma-Rojas at

LithiumValleyCommission@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 237-2564.

Availability of Documents

[Documents and presentations](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01) 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](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley) 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 subscription. 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), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley>. Manage existing list subscriptions or sign-up for others at [CEC List Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

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