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Lithium Legislation

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AB 2851 (Garcia) Salton Sea geothermal resource area Lithium Valley Office of Development

This bill establishes the Lithium Valley Office of Development within the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). This bill requires the office to coordinate activities related to funding, economic development, construction, manufacturing, technical development, and reclamation of lithium located in the Salton Sea geothermal resource area. The purpose of this bill is to assist California in its growing need for lithium.

AB 2903 (Garcia) California Workforce Development Board: Salton Sea geothermal resources area: Equitable Access Program

This bill would establish the Equitable Access Program to be administered by the California Workforce Development Board to prioritize employment opportunities in construction, manufacturing, technical, maintenance, operations, or reclamation activities for local residents in the Salton Sea geothermal resources area. The bill would require the board, to provide technical assistance to, preapprenticeship, registered apprenticeship, and other training programs, and to monitor and track the rate residents of the Salton Sea geothermal resources area are hired on construction projects in the Salton Sea geothermal resources area that involve battery manufacturing and lithium-based technology.

AB 2929 (Garcia) Lithium production: report.

This bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to annually report to the Legislature on the health, environmental, and economic impacts and benefits of producing lithium from geothermal brines located in the Lithium Valley.