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# **Lithium Valley Commission Meeting Action Minutes – June 30, 2022**

The Lithium Valley Commission meeting was called to order on June 30, 2022, at 1:05 p.m. by Lithium Valley Commission Chair Silvia Paz.

Primary Physical Location:

- Calipatria High School, Calipatria, CA

Additional Publicly Accessible Locations:

- California Natural Resources Agency Building, Sacramento, CA
- Franklin Public Library, Franklin, MI
- 1 Norumbega Dr, Camden, ME
- Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator, Los Angeles, CA

## **Attendance: Lithium Valley Commissioners**

- Steve Castaneda (Calipatria High School) stepped away briefly from 4:00pm to 4:10pm.
- James C. Hanks (Calipatria High School)
- Ryan Kelley (Calipatria High School) arrived at 1:23 p.m. and stepped away briefly from 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Silvia Paz (Calipatria High School)
- Frank Ruiz (Calipatria High School) arrived at 1:29 p.m.
- Miranda Flores (California Natural Resources Agency) arrived at 1:45 p.m. and departed at 4:15 p.m.
- Alice Reynolds (California Natural Resources Agency) arrived at 2:07 p.m. and departed at 4:00 p.m.
- Jonathan Weisgall (Camden, Maine)
- Commissioners Rod Colwell, Roderic Dolega, Arthur Lopez, Luis Olmedo, Manfred Scott, and Thomas Soto were not in attendance.
- There was a quorum in attendance from 2:07 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

## **Agenda**

The following Agenda items were deferred:

- Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Findings and Recommendations Identified During the workshop on the Role of Existing and New Geothermal Facilities in the Salton Sea Region to Support Reliability, Grid Stability, Resiliency, and Clean Energy Goals Held on June 16, 2022.
- Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Findings and Recommendations Identified During the workshop on Overcoming Challenges Extraction, Processing, and Production of Lithium from Geothermal Brine Held on June 16, 2022.

## Presentations

A compiled set of the presentations identified below has been docketed and can be found here: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=243820>

## Continuation of Workshop on Environmental Impacts related to Lithium Extraction Activities in the Salton Sea Region

The workshop on the Environmental Impacts related to Lithium Extraction Activities in the Salton Sea Region focused on developers' projects and presented each panelist a set of questions to respond to. This was followed by a discussion among Lithium Valley Commissioners and Public Comment. Speakers included:

- Derek Benson, Chief Operating Officer, Energy Source.
- Jim Turner, Chief Operating Officer and Director at Controlled Thermal Resources.
- Jon Trujillo, Director, Geothermal Development at BHE Renewables.
- Michael A. McKibben, Research Professor, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at University of California, Riverside.

## Additional Agenda Items

Planning for Upcoming Lithium Valley Commission Meetings and Activities

- Vice Chair Ryan Kelley led a discussion on the status of the 2022-2023 California Budget related to Lithium Valley.
- The next meeting on July 21 will be an all-day meeting. There will be a tribal perspectives session and a community perspectives session on July 21. The primary location is still being established but could be Torres Martinez tribal land or a local school.
- Chair Paz and individual commissioners have been working with CEC staff to plan community engagement events over the next few months as the report to legislature is developed and finalized.

## Voting items

### **1. Approval of Meeting Action Minutes for March 24, 2022, May 12, 2022, May 26, 2022, and June 16, 2022, Public Meetings**

After discussion a motion was made by Vice Chair Ryan Kelley and seconded by Commissioner Steve Castaneda to approve the Action Minutes for the March 24, 2022, May 12, 2022, May 26, 2022, and June 16, 2022, Public Meetings.

The vote passed by the following majority roll call vote to approve the Meeting Action Minutes for the March 24, 2022, May 12, 2022, May 26, 2022, and June 16, 2022, Public Meetings.

- Steve Castaneda – Yes
- Miranda Flores – Yes
- James C. Hanks – Yes
- Ryan E. Kelley – Yes
- Silvia Paz – Yes
- Alice Reynolds – Yes
- Frank Ruiz – Yes
- Jonathan Weisgall – Yes
- Rod Colwell – Absent
- Roderic Dolega – Absent
- Arthur “Richie” Lopez – Absent
- Luis Olmedo – Absent
- Manfred Scott – Absent
- Thomas Soto – Absent

## **2. Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Findings and Recommendations Identified During the Incentive Workshop Held on May 26, 2022**

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Weisgall and seconded by Commissioner Castaneda to approve the Draft Findings and Recommendations Identified During the Incentives Workshop held during the May 26, 2022, Meeting for Discussion and Consideration by the Lithium Valley Commission.

The vote passed by the following majority roll call vote to approve the Draft Findings and Recommendations Identified During the Incentives Workshop from the May 26, 2022, Meeting for Discussion and Consideration by the Lithium Valley Commission.

- Steve Castaneda – Yes
- Miranda Flores – Yes
- James C. Hanks – Yes
- Ryan E. Kelley – Yes
- Silvia Paz – Yes
- Alice Reynolds – Yes
- Frank Ruiz – Yes
- Jonathan Weisgall – Yes
- Rod Colwell – Absent
- Roderic Dolega – Absent
- Arthur “Richie” Lopez – Absent
- Luis Olmedo – Absent
- Manfred Scott – Absent
- Thomas Soto – Absent

## Next Steps

Next meeting to be held on July 21, 2022, via Zoom and in person. The time and primary location are to be determined and will be provided in the meeting notice issued at least 10 days in advance of the meeting.