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Lithium Valley Commission Meeting Action Minutes – August 25, 2022

The Lithium Valley Commission meeting was called to order on August 25, 2022, at 1:35 p.m. by Lithium Valley Commission Chair Silvia Paz.

Physical Location:

- Calipatria High School, Calipatria, CA

Attendance: Lithium Valley Commissioners

- Steve Castaneda (Zoom)
 - Rod Colwell (Calipatria High School)
 - Roderic Dolega (Zoom)
 - Miranda Flores (Zoom) left at 3:54 p.m.
 - James C. Hanks (Calipatria High School)
 - Ryan Kelley (Calipatria High School) arrived at 1:47 p.m. and left 2:50 p.m., and returned at 3:14 p.m.
 - Arthur Lopez (Zoom) left at 4:28 p.m.
 - Luis Olmedo (Calipatria High School)
 - Silvia Paz (Calipatria High School)
 - Frank Ruiz (Zoom)
 - Manfred Scott (Zoom)
 - Thomas Soto (Zoom) arrived at 2:15 p.m. and left at 3:32 p.m.
 - Jonathan Weisgall (Zoom)
- Commissioner Alice Reynolds was not in attendance.
 - There was a quorum in attendance for the entirety of the meeting.

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=245703>

Update on the Enacted 2022-2023 California State Budget

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff provided an update on the enacted 2022-2023 California State Budget. This was followed by discussion among Lithium Valley Commissioners and public comment. Speakers included:

- Deana Carrillo, Director, Renewable Energy Division, California Energy Commission.

Status of the CEC Rulemaking

A short discussion of two power plant licensing rulemaking proceedings that the Energy Commission has undertaken in 2022:

- Streamlining the CEC's process for delegating its permitting authority for geothermal power plants to counties with an equivalent certification program.
- Streamlining the CEC's process for approving small power plant exemptions.

This was followed by discussion among Lithium Valley Commissioners and public comment. Speakers included:

- Reneé Webster-Hawkins, Attorney, Chief Counsel’s Office, California Energy Commission.

Voting items

1. Approval of Meeting Action Minutes for June 30, 2022, and July 21, 2022, Public Meetings

After Commissioner discussion and public comment, a motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Weisgall and seconded by Commissioner Steve Castaneda to approve the Meeting Action Minutes for the June 30, 2022, and July 21, 2022, Public Meetings.

The vote passed by the following majority roll call vote to approve the Meeting Action Minutes for the June 30, 2022, and July 21, 2022, Public Meetings.

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

2. Discussion and Potential Action on Schedule and Public Process Around the Report to the Legislature

After Commissioner discussion and public comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Luis Olmedo and seconded by Commissioner Manfred Scott to establish a minimum public comment period of 30 days on both the English and Spanish versions of the Draft Report to the Legislature..

The vote passed by the following majority roll call vote to approve the motion to establish a minimum public comment period of 30 days on the English and Spanish versions of the Draft Report to the Legislature., Chair Paz stated that the

Commission would be working on a December 1 deadline to submit the final report to the Legislature.

- Steve Castaneda – Yes
- Rod Colwell – Yes
- Roderic Dolega – Yes
- Ryan E. Kelley – Yes
- Luis Olmedo – Yes
- Silvia Paz – Yes
- Frank Ruiz – Yes
- Manfred Scott – Yes
- Jonathan Weisgall – Yes
- James C. Hanks – No
- Miranda Flores – Absent
- Arthur “Richie” Lopez – Absent
- Thomas Soto – Absent
- Alice Reynolds – Absent

Next Steps

The next meeting 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.