

DOCKETED

Docket Number:	20-LITHIUM-01
Project Title:	Lithium Valley Commission
TN #:	247120
Document Title:	Maria Nava-Froelich Comments - Community Benefits Stay in Imperial County
Description:	N/A
Filer:	System
Organization:	Maria Nava-Froelich
Submitter Role:	Public
Submission Date:	10/28/2022 7:59:54 PM
Docketed Date:	10/31/2022

Comment Received From: Maria Nava-Froelich
Submitted On: 10/28/2022
Docket Number: 20-LITHIUM-01

Community Benefits Stay in Imperial County

Lithium community benefits should stay in the Imperial County and not be shared with Riverside County because the lithium extraction is taking place in the north end of the county. The fence line communities should be given priority. We have been neglected for too long and want Niland and Calipatria communities to thrive in the areas of economic, business, and housing development. I am advocating for 30% or more of the lithium community benefits to be used for infrastructure and other projects for our city of Calipatria, and to purchase and/or acquire the Golden State Water Company treatment plant. We want local jobs and lithium battery manufacturing to take place within the Imperial County. Imperial Irrigation District royalties from the lithium extraction should be shared with the fence line communities in the form of infrastructure, housing and business projects in order to help the dying communities thrive once again. An oversight community benefits committee should be formed to make sure the funds are used appropriately. The Lithium Valley Commission report is too broad and lacks specifics. Environmental studies and mitigation should continue throughout the life of the project and this information should be shared with the community.