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Lithium Valley Commission Meeting Action Minutes – September 29, 2022

The Lithium Valley Commission meeting was called to order on September 29, 2022, at 2:07 p.m. by Lithium Valley Commission Chair Silvia Paz.

Physical Location:

- Westmorland Union Elementary School, Westmorland, CA

Remote Location:

- Zoom

Attendance: Lithium Valley Commissioners

- Steve Castaneda (Westmorland)
 - Roderic Dolega (Remote/Departure at 3:38 p.m.)
 - James C. Hanks (Westmorland)
 - Ryan Kelley (Westmorland)
 - Luis Olmedo (Westmorland)
 - Silvia Paz (Westmorland)
 - Alice Reynolds (Remote)
 - Frank Ruiz (Remote/Departure at 4:11 p.m.)
 - Manfred Scott (Remote)
 - Jonathan Weisgall (Westmorland)
- Commissioner Rod Colwell, Miranda Flores, Arthur Lopez, and Thomas Soto were 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=246286>

Draft Report to Legislature

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff provided an overview of the Draft Report to the Legislature. Speakers included:

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

Lisa Ballin with the Consensus and Collaboration Program at Sacramento State facilitated an initial discussion with commissioners on the Draft Report.

Voting items

- 1. Approval of Meeting Action Minutes for the August 25, 2022 Public Meeting**

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 August 25, 2022 Public Meeting.

The vote passed by the following majority roll call vote to approve the Meeting Action Minutes for the August 25, 2022 Public Meeting.

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

Next Steps

The activities to complete the Commission’s Draft Report to the Legislature were discussed, and included:

- October 10 – Deadline for Lithium Valley Commissioners to provide comments on the Draft Report to CEC staff
- October 18, 19, 20 – Community and Tribal Workshops on the Draft Report in Niland, North Shore, and Salton City, respectively.
- October 24 – Remote Access Community and Tribal Workshop
- October 28 – Public Comment Period Closes at 5:00 p.m.
- October 31 – Remote Access Lithium Valley Commission Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- November 17 – Lithium Valley Commission Meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- December 1 – CEC Submits final report to the Legislature on behalf of the Lithium Valley Commission.

Items of Interest and Resources Referenced During the Meeting

- Items e-filed to the Lithium Valley Commission Docket can be found here: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01>
- Resources provided:

- Draft Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California.
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246170&DocumentContentId=80349>
- Borrador de informe de la Comisión de Expertos sobre la Extracción de Litio en California.
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246258&DocumentContentId=80442>