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Convening of the Lithium Valley Commission

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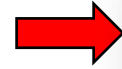
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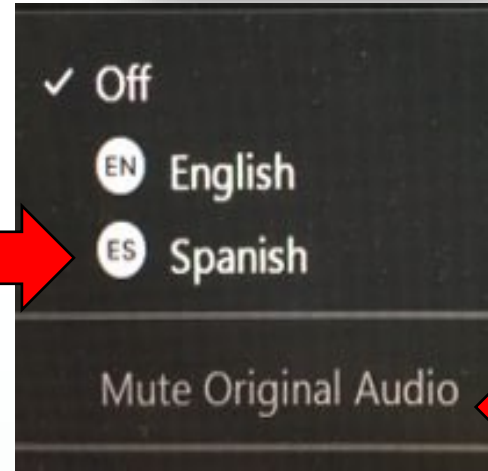
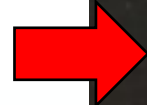
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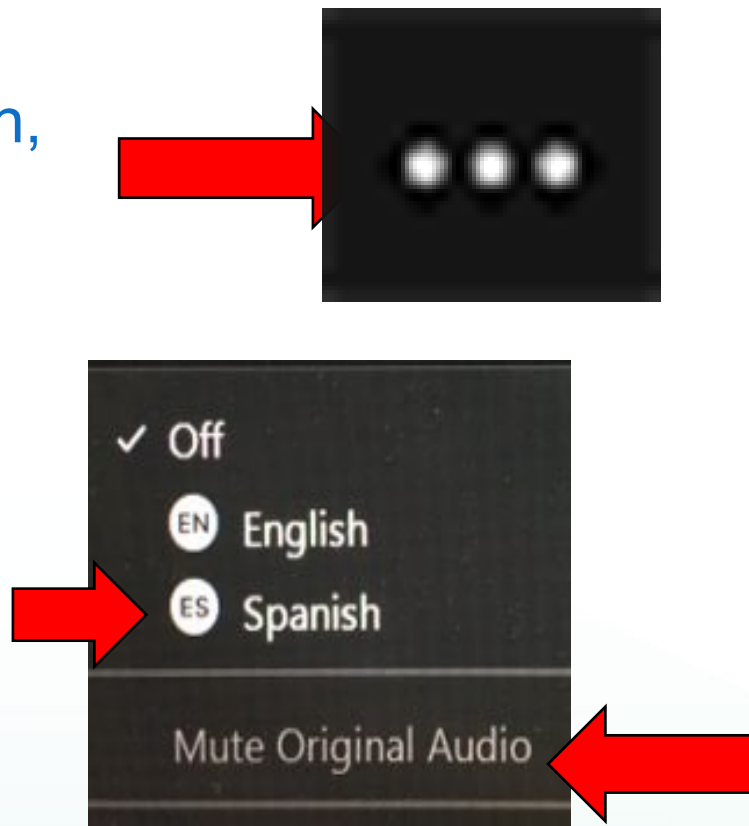
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Welcome and Roll Call / Bienvenida y paso de lista



Agenda / Agenda

1. Welcome and Roll Call
 2. Discussion and Action on the Draft Report to the Legislature and Direction to CEC Staff on Revisions
 - CEC Presentation Providing Overview of Comments Received During the Public Comment Period on the Draft Report
 - Facilitated Commissioner Discussion on Further Revisions to the Revised Draft Report
 - Direction to CEC Staff on Submission of the Final Report to the Legislature
 3. Administrative Items
 - a. Approval of Meeting Action Minutes for September 29, 2022 and October 31, 2022
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 2. Discusión y Medidas sobre el Borrador Revisado del Informe a la Legislatura e Instrucciones para el Personal de la CEC sobre las Revisiones
 - a. Presentación del personal de la CEC que proporciona una visión general de los comentarios recibidos sobre el borrador de informe durante el período de comentarios públicos
 - b. Debates facilitados entre los comisionados sobre las nuevas revisiones del borrador revisado del informe
 - c. Instrucciones al personal de la CEC sobre la presentación del informe final a la legislatura
 3. Temas administrativos
 - a. Aprobación del acta de la reunión del 29 de septiembre de 2022
 4. Comentarios del público
 5. Cierre de la sesión



Discussion and Action on the Revised Draft Report to the Legislature and Direction to CEC Staff on Revisions/

Discusión y Medidas sobre el Borrador Revisado del Informe a la Legislatura e Instrucciones para el Personal de la CEC sobre las Revisiones



CEC Staff Presentation Providing Overview of Comments Received During the Public Comment Period on the Draft Report /

Presentación del personal de la CEC que proporciona una visión general de los comentarios recibidos sobre el borrador de informe durante el período de comentarios públicos



Overview of Public Participation on Draft Report

Target Date	Milestone
September 21	Draft Report Posted
September 28	Spanish translation released, 30-day public comment period begins
September 29	Commission Meeting
October 18, 19, 20	Community and Tribal Workshops to solicit oral comments Niland (18 th), North Shore (19 th), Salton City (20 th)
October 24	Community and Tribal Online Workshop
October 28	Public Comment period closed at 5pm
October 28	Revised Report and Consolidated Recommendations Posted
October 31	Commission Meeting
November 16	Proposed Final Report and Consolidated Recommendations Posted
November 17	Commission Meeting
December 1	Final Report submitted to the Legislature



Overview of Public Written Comments on Initial Draft Report

- 291 docketed written comments* were received on the draft report
 - Residents and general public
 - Industry and business representatives
 - Community-based, environmental justice and non-profit organizations
 - Tribes and Tribal members
 - Labor unions and trades councils
 - Governmental entities

258 public written comments were received supporting lithium recovery in Imperial County.

- 150 (58%) were from unknown locations
- At least 94 (36%) were from residents in Imperial County
- At least 10 (4%) were from residents in Riverside County
- At least 4 (2%) were from residents in San Diego County

* Excluding written duplicates on the Docket



Example of Written Commenters

- Governmental Entities, including
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
 - Imperial County
 - Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Board
 - Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab)
- Tribal Governments and Members, including
 - Laguna Band of Indians
 - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
 - Quechan Indian Tribe
- Business & Industry Representation, including
 - Energy Source Minerals, LLC
 - California Manufacturers Association
 - Citizens Energy Corporation
 - Geothermal Worldwide
- Community Based and Environmental Justice Organizations, including
 - Comite Civico Del Valle
 - Earthworks
 - Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability*
 - California Environmental Justice Alliance*
 - Local Clean Energy Alliance*
 - Alianza Coachella Valley*
 - The Greenlining Institute*
 - Pueblo Unido CDC*
 - Audubon California*
 - Building Energy, Equity & Power *
- Labor and Union, including
 - United Auto Workers, Western States
 - San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council
 - State Building and Construction Trades AFL-CIO

* Joint letter



Key Themes and Topics in Docketed Written Public and Tribal Comments

Key themes and topics included:

- Develop lithium-related opportunities to provide local economic benefits and jobs that prioritize the local community
- State and local agencies should strengthen Tribal consultation, fund technical assistance to Tribes, include Tribes in business opportunities, and ensure protection of Tribal environmental and cultural resources.
- Create a framework for the region to recover and process lithium in a safe and expeditious fashion; not create overly burdensome requirements on the industry
- Support project labor agreements, state-certified apprenticeships, and high road job and career approaches with family-supporting wage and benefit standards, worker protections, including right to organize, and employer commitments to invest in worker training.
- Provide accessible information on potential environmental and public health impacts; mitigate environmental impacts at a regional level



Community and Tribal Workshops in Niland, Northshore, Salton City and Online Webinar (Slide 1/2)

- Goal: Solicit oral feedback from residents to allow for more accessible forms of participation.
- Workshops included:
 - Interpretation in Spanish and Purépecha
 - Translated factsheets and Draft Report
 - Overview of the purpose of the Commission and Draft Report
 - Workshop workbooks to focus discussion on Draft Report recommendations
 - Facilitated small group discussion
 - Snacks (not state-funded)





Community & Tribal Workshops in Niland, Northshore, Salton City and Online Webinar (Slide 2/2)

Community workshops:

- Approximately 60 active attendees over the 4 workshops (in-person and online)

Key themes and topics raised included:

- Concern of the unknown and excitement about potential opportunities
- Request for more information made available in accessible formats
 - Specific to lithium recovery projects, economic benefits, environmental and public health impacts
- Potential cumulative public health and environmental impacts need to be identified, communicated, and mitigated
- Fenceline communities to DLE projects should be prioritized in both investment, and mitigation of potential environmental impacts
- Investment and public health and mitigation is necessary across county jurisdictional boundaries
- Request to define Lithium Valley with a physical boundary to ensure that communities close to the DLE projects directly benefit (jobs, schools, infrastructure)



Review of Public Comments

Examples of Modifications to Draft Report in Response to Public Comment

- Factual and typographical corrections
- Incorporate new perspectives into body of the report
- Declined requests for structural changes to the report
- Declined inclusion of concepts that are actively being discussed by the Commission
- Development of Public Comment matrix
 - Lists the public comments and identifies where they are discussed in the report



Facilitated Discussion on Further Revisions to the Revised Draft Report / Debates facilitados sobre las nuevas revisiones del borrador revisado del informe



Discussion of Revised Proposed Condensed Recommendations in Table A



Discussion of the Body of Report



Discussion of Revised Proposed Condensed Recommendations in Table B



Recommendation 3 - Economic Development Zone (1/2)

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation	Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022
<p>3 --(Economic Development Zone) Establish a regional economic zone centered on public-private partnerships.</p> <p>Combines Recommendations #3 and #4 from October version</p>	<p>New Text</p> <p>(Economic Development Zone) Establish the Southeast California Economic Zone, which includes Imperial County and Eastern Coachella and Palo Verde Valleys. This regional economic zone should be recognized as eligible to compete with other regions for state and federal funding.</p> <p>The goals of the regional economic zone should include key concepts from the Community Economic Resilience Fund program, such as balanced representation from labor, business, community, government, and other stakeholders; with a priority of investment in the communities closest to geothermal powerplants and DLE facilities.</p>



Economic Development Zone (2/2)

Option 1:

Elements of the zone might include tariff relief and tax credits for corporate investments, credits for education investment in local workforce, with benefits tied to community benefit agreements, project labor and maintenance agreements, and state-certified apprenticeship opportunities, and Tribal consultation.

Option 2:

Elements of the zone might include the following:

- **Special Economic Zone.** Tariff relief for Foreign Direct Investment in the zone (component and technology imports for finished goods manufacturing in the zone). Reducing tariff costs for importing component parts for at least 5 years will allow time to domestically source or create component source in the United States)
- **Corporate Tax Relief.** Reduce the Federal and State Corporate Tax rate for development within the zone to at least 10 years.
- **Education Incentives – In-State Tuition for Employees.** Provide employees and household members of Development Zone Companies, in-state tuition without residency time requirement for a term of 10 years. Employees must live and work in the zone.
- **Enterprise Project.** Provide Employment sales tax credit of \$5,000 per Full-Time Equivalency per year for capital projects greater than \$150,000,000 for with a maximum number of 500 FTE, per corporate applicant for a term of 10 years.



Recommendation 12 – Centralized Permit and Regulatory Tracking System

Initial Proposed Condensed Recommendations	Proposed for Discussion on November 17, 2022
<p>12 -- (State Agency) Establish a centralized permit and regulatory reporting tracking system for California projects that extract lithium from geothermal brine and lithium-related projects, such as lithium battery component manufacturing and recycling. Identify and authorize the most appropriate state agency to establish and oversee a program requiring that entities recovering and producing lithium in California report the operations of their facilities across a set of metrics, such as water use, emissions, waste produced and managed, and make the information accessible to and understandable by members of the public.</p>	<p>No change proposed</p> <p><u>Public Resources Code 25232(d)(8):</u> <i>Recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes that may be needed to encourage lithium extraction from geothermal brines, including whether the development of a centralized tracking system for lithium project permitting by state and local regulatory agencies would assist with development of the lithium industry.</i></p> <p><u>Questions the Commission may wish to consider</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Would a centralized tracking system for permitting assist with the development of the lithium industry?- Would it be helpful for the centralized tracking system to take the form of an online platform to gather and share information about lithium-related projects for stakeholders beyond the lithium industry?- Is an interagency task force needed to coordinate the development of a regulatory reporting centralized tracking system?



Recommendation 13 and 14 - Potential Environmental Impacts

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<p>13 - (State Agency or Academia) Require and fund a study on whether increased geothermal development and DLE – and anticipated related development – would result in cumulative environmental impacts beyond those addressed in project level environmental review and, if so, include recommendations to avoid, reduce, or minimize those impacts.</p>	<p>(State Agency or Academia) Require and fund a study on whether increased geothermal development and DLE – and anticipated related development – would result in cumulative <u>seismic and environmental impacts beyond those addressed in project level environmental review and the anticipated programmatic EIR established by Imperial County. The study should include recommendations to avoid, reduce, or minimize potential impacts, and consider advance mitigation efforts.</u></p>
<p>14 - (State Agency, Academia, or IID) Require and fund a water study of projected cumulative infrastructure development of geothermal power plants and DLE facilities and related water use, sources, and availability.</p>	<p>No change proposed</p>



Recommendation 15 – Workforce Development

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation	Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022
<p>15 --(State Agency) Require or establish incentives for developers to enter into, and continue entering into, project labor agreements, implement High Road principles, and prioritize local hiring.</p>	<p>(State Agency) Establish incentives for developers to enter into, and continue entering into, project labor agreements, <u>establish workforce training and development strategies</u>, implement High Road principles, and prioritize local hiring.</p>



Recommendation 18 – Advisory Council

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation

Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022

18 --(Local Agencies) Require and provide funds for the formation of a community advisory council to provide input and guidance on community priorities such as community benefits agreements, actions to protect public health and safety, and infrastructure improvements.

Text from Recommendation 23

(Local Agencies) Engage a local coalition of public agencies and residents to identify whether additional actions are needed to protect public health and safety as well as improvements needed to attract new, sustainable business development and economic activity.

-- **New, Recommendations 18 and 23 consolidated** --

The State should provide funds, from sources other than the Lithium Extraction Excise tax and funds allocated to Imperial County in the state's FY 22-23 Budget, for the formation of an advisory council to provide input and guidance to the State, Imperial County and Lead Agencies on community and Tribal priorities. Such guidance could include discussion of community benefit and labor agreements, actions to protect public health, safety, Tribal cultural concerns, and infrastructure improvements. The advisory council could also work to identify whether additional actions are needed to attract new, sustainable business development and economic activity.



Wrap-up Discussion of Revised Proposed Condensed Recommendations in Table B



Public Comment / Comentarios del público

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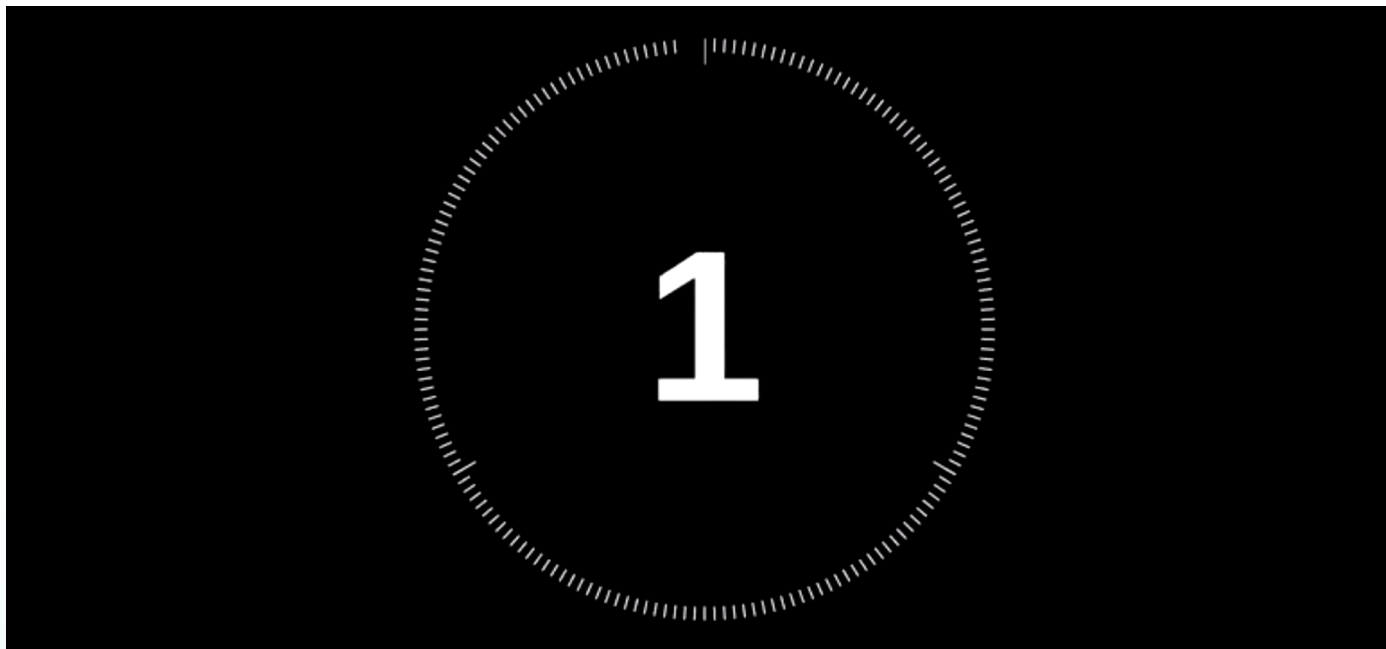
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Direction to CEC Staff on Submission of the Final Report to the Legislature

**/ Instrucciones al personal de la
CEC sobre la presentación del
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Administrative Items

Temas administrativos

- Approval of Meeting Action Minutes for the Meetings:
 - September 29, 2022
 - October 31, 2022
- Aprobación de las actas de acción de la reunión del:
 - 29 de Septiembre, 2022
 - 31 de Octubre, 2022



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Next Steps

Target Date	Milestone
October 31	Commission meeting deliberated on modifications to Draft Report
November 4	Commissioners provided written comment to staff on requested modification to Draft Report (Staff to docket)
November 16	Proposed modifications to revised Draft Report and consolidated recommendations posted
November 17	Commission meeting to discuss proposed modifications and approve content of Final Report
December 1	Final Report to be submitted to the Legislature



Discussion on Second Revised Version of Draft Report

Proposed modifications in the Draft Report:

- Address key points from public comments
- Revise condensed recommendations based on commissioners' input from October 31 discussion and Commissioners' written comments received by November 4, 2022\
- Reduced the number of proposed condensed recommendations to 20
 - 14 Proposed condensed recommendations for consideration
 - Six (6) Revised proposed condensed recommendations that Commissioners indicated needed additional discussion



Recommendation 1 – Priority Permitting

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation	Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022
<p>1 - (State and Local Agency) Establish a Lithium Valley priority permitting process that includes additional agency support for projects identified as essential to the growth of Lithium Valley.</p>	<p>(State and Local Agency) Establish a Lithium Valley priority permitting process that includes additional <u>resources for agency action on applications for geothermal, DLE, and related manufacture, production, or assembly projects identified by the state as essential to the development and growth of Lithium Valley.</u></p>



Recommendation 2 - Transmission Planning and Investment

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation	Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022
2 - (State Agencies) Accelerate state planning for investment and upgrades in transmission for geothermal power plants in Imperial Valley to be online in 2024 and over the next decade.	No Change



Recommendation 4 – Regional Competitiveness

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<p>4 - (Regional Competitiveness) Identify a regional planning area and investment zone, not limited by traditional city or county boundaries, but instead reflecting the region across counties that have similar or integrated economic activity. Require that state programs recognize this region to support competitive participation in state and federal funding programs.</p>	<p>Removed; Consolidated into Recommendation 3</p>



Recommendations 5,6 – Investment

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<p>5 - (Investment) To stimulate investment, development, and innovation, consider indexing the volume-based extraction tax to market prices.</p>	<p>(Investment) <u>As currently required pursuant to SB 125 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 63, Statutes of 2022), a study on the lithium excise tax is due December 31, 2023. To alleviate uncertainty for industry and the community, we recommend that the SB 125 tax mechanism study be completed by June 30, 2023. [Colwell Recommendation]</u></p>
<p>6 - (Investment) Leverage existing support for research and development, start-up companies, and expansion of lithium battery and battery component manufacturing and recycling, especially cathode production using lithium produced through environmentally preferable methods.</p>	<p>(Investment) <u>The State should increase its funding</u> for research and development, start-up companies, and expansion of lithium battery and battery component manufacturing and recycling, especially cathode production using lithium produced through environmentally preferable methods.</p>



Recommendations 7,8 – Investment

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<p>7 - (Supply Chain) Foster collaboration across the supply chain of lithium related technologies by creating networks, meetings, and other forums that regularly bring business, research, Tribes, communities, and government agencies together to identify short- and long-term economic opportunities.</p>	<p>(Supply Chain) <u>Federal, state, and local governments should</u> foster collaboration across the supply chain of lithium related technologies by creating networks, meetings, and other forums that regularly bring business, research, Tribes, communities, and government agencies together to identify short- and long-term economic opportunities.</p>
<p>8 - (Imperial County) Establish a business service center in Imperial County to facilitate access to business development incentive programs to benefit residents of disadvantaged communities, small businesses, and entrepreneurs.</p>	<p>(<u>State and Imperial County</u>) <u>The State and County should</u> establish a business service center in Imperial County to facilitate access to business development incentive programs to benefit residents of disadvantaged communities, <u>Tribal members</u>, small businesses, and entrepreneurs.</p>



Recommendation 9 – Circular Economy

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation

9 - (State Agency) Support development of a circular lithium economy based in California, with environmentally responsible sourcing of raw materials, requirements for product design that support recovery, reuse and recycling of materials, and development of effective recovery infrastructure, built with the assistance of public-private coalitions and effective community engagement.

Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022

(State Agency) Support development of a circular lithium economy based in California, with environmentally responsible sourcing of raw materials, life cycle analysis, requirements for product design that support recovery, reuse and recycling of materials, and development of effective recovery infrastructure, built with the assistance of public-private coalitions and effective community engagement.



Recommendations 10,11 – State Agency Initiatives and Programs

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<p>10 - (Eastern Riverside County) Fund, from sources other than Imperial County, a health impact study to be carried out by an academic institution or public agency relating to increased development in the Salton Sea KGRA of geothermal power plants and DLE facilities and related, processing, production, and related manufacturing activities.</p>	<p>The State should fund, <u>a health impact analysis (e.g. assessment or study) for Eastern Coachella Valley</u> to be carried out by an academic institution or public agency relating to increased development in the Salton Sea KGRA of geothermal power plants and DLE facilities and related, processing, production, and related manufacturing activities.</p>
<p>11 - (Local and State Agencies) Provide resources for local and state agencies to proactively seek and leverage existing federal funding opportunities to invest in infrastructure in the Salton Sea region, including funding made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (H.R. 3684) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (H.R. 5376).</p>	<p>(Local and State Agencies) Provide resources for local and state agencies <u>and Tribes</u> to proactively seek and leverage existing federal funding opportunities to invest in infrastructure in the Salton Sea region, including funding made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (H.R. 3684) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (H.R. 5376).</p>



Recommendation 16 – Workforce

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation

16 - (School Districts and Trade Schools) Invest in creation of curriculum, courses, and certification programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at local schools and colleges to advance critical knowledge and skills across all grade levels.

Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022

(School Districts and Trade Schools) The State should fund, and the industry should inform, the creation of curriculum, courses, and certification programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at schools and colleges to advance critical knowledge and skills across all grade levels, with a focus on the infrastructure and communities closest to geothermal powerplants and DLE facilities.



Recommendation 17 – Community Benefits and Safety

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation	Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022
<p>17 - (Imperial and Riverside Counties) Invest in repairs, improvements to critical infrastructure and housing needed to support the success of lithium recovery, lithium processing, and lithium-dependent product manufacturing and recycling in the Salton Sea region, with a focus on the infrastructure and communities closest to geothermal powerplants and DLE facilities. Investment decisions should consider community priorities and include opportunities for participatory budgeting that includes public process and community involvement.</p>	<p>(Imperial and Riverside Counties) <u>Federal, state, and local government should</u> invest in repairs, improvements to critical infrastructure and housing needed to support the success of lithium recovery, lithium processing, and lithium-dependent product manufacturing and recycling in the Salton Sea region, with a focus on the infrastructure and communities closest to geothermal powerplants and DLE facilities. Investment decisions should consider community and <u>Tribal</u> priorities and include opportunities for participatory budgeting that includes public process and community <u>and Tribal</u> involvement.</p>



Recommendation 19 – Community Benefits and Safety

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation	Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022
<p>19 - (CEQA Lead Agencies) Make information available and provide education to residents and affected businesses and service providers regarding the materials and processes used in DLE and lithium processing facilities, the final and intermediate products created, and any waste streams that must be managed.</p> <p>(Imperial and Riverside Counties) Invest in repairs, improvements to critical infrastructure and housing needed to support the success of lithium recovery, lithium processing, and lithium-dependent product manufacturing and recycling in the Salton Sea region, with a focus on the infrastructure and communities closest to geothermal powerplants and DLE facilities. Investment decisions should consider community priorities and include opportunities for participatory budgeting that includes public process and community involvement.</p>	<p>Consolidated with Recommendation 21</p>



Recommendations 20, 21 – Outreach and Engagement

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation	Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022
<p>20 - (Tribes and Communities) Provide capacity building funds, such as grants, and other resources (e.g., childcare for parents to attend meetings) for Tribes and community members to engage with federal, state and local permitting agencies.</p>	<p>No Change</p>
<p>21 - (Local and State Agencies) Establish standards for state and local permitting agencies to provide communities and Tribes with plain language written communications about geothermal power plant and DLE facility applications, the permitting processes to review the application, and post-approval monitoring and enforcement</p> <p>Text of Recommendation #19 (CEQA Lead Agencies) Make information available and provide education to residents and affected businesses and service providers regarding the materials and processes used in DLE and lithium processing facilities, the final and intermediate products created, and any waste streams that must be managed.</p>	<p>(Local and State Agencies) Establish standards for state and local permitting agencies to provide communities and Tribes with plain language written communications about geothermal power plant and DLE facility applications, the permitting processes to review the application, and post-approval monitoring and enforcement. <u>Information provided should also include education about the materials and processes used in DLE and lithium processing facilities, the final and intermediate products created, and any waste streams that must be managed.</u></p>



Recommendations 22, 23 – Outreach and Engagement

Initial Posted Proposed Condensed Recommendation	Proposed for Consideration on November 17, 2022
<p>22 - (CEQA Lead Agencies) Develop best practice guidance for lead agencies when initiating communications and consultation with Tribes (e.g., making multiple attempts through different methods, such as mail, email, telephone); providing reasonable time for Tribal governments to evaluate written materials; and, recognizing the specific cultural, historical, public health, and ecological context of the Salton Sea region.</p>	<p>No Change</p>
<p>23 - (Local Agencies) Engage a local coalition of public agencies and residents to identify whether additional actions are needed to protect public health and safety as well as improvements needed to attract new, sustainable business development and economic activity.</p>	<p>Consolidated into 18; [See Table B for Revised Proposed Condensed Recommendations Identified for Additional Discussion]</p>