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IN THE MATTER OF:

*Lithium Valley Informational
Proceeding*

DOCKET NO. 24-OIIP-02
NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
RE: Lithium Valley Vision

Notice of Workshop on the Lithium Valley Vision

April 19, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(Hybrid)

In-person at:

California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street
First Floor Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Access via Zoom

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a workshop to provide an update on the Lithium Valley Vision and receive public input on the planned scope of the CEC's Lithium Valley Informational Proceeding. This is a hybrid meeting with both a publicly accessible physical location and public access online or by phone through Zoom™.

A quorum of CEC Commissioners may be present at this event in compliance with Government Code section 11122.5(c)(4) but will not act on any matters. Advisors to the Commissioners may also attend.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

This is the first workshop for the CEC's Lithium Valley Informational Proceeding 24-OIIP-02 (proceeding). At this workshop, CEC staff will provide an overview of the planned scope and purpose of the proceeding. Feedback received will be used to refine the proceeding scope and inform future workshop topics. In addition, representatives from the County of Imperial will present on the County's activities to support Lithium Valley. Finally, CEC staff will present an update on the recommendations adopted by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California in the report submitted to the California legislature in December 2022.

There will be a period for oral public questions and comments at the end of each workshop session, and written comments will be accepted for the period identified below following the workshop.

Background

California's Lithium Valley Vision calls for developing a world-class lithium industry centered on recovering lithium from the Salton Sea region. This includes expanding geothermal energy production, conservation efforts and economic development with substantive benefits for local residents. Located in the Eastern Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley, near the Mexican border, this region contains some of the largest lithium deposits in the world. Recent analysis from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory found that there's enough lithium in the region to support over 375 million batteries for electric vehicles (EV).

Assembly Bill 1657 (AB 1657, E. Garcia, Chapter 271, Statutes 2022) established the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California, known more commonly as the "Lithium Valley Commission," to explore opportunities and challenges surrounding lithium recovery. The bill authorized the CEC to convene the Lithium Valley Commission. In a crucial milestone toward making California a global leader in the production of lithium, the Lithium Valley Commission submitted a report of findings and recommendations that provide a pathway for the state's Lithium Valley Vision. The report, which was submitted to the state legislature in December 2022, recommends accelerating transmission planning, improving permitting, and securing funding for infrastructure investments and economic development incentives to support industry growth and job training.

On February 14, 2024, the CEC instituted an informational proceeding for the Lithium Valley Vision and designated Commissioner Noemí Otilia Osuna Gallardo as Lead Commissioner of this proceeding. Through this proceeding, the CEC seeks to collect information and perspectives, including those of local residents, government, California Native American tribes, industry, environmental justice and environmental groups, academia, the public, and others, for the State of California to continue supporting the Lithium Valley Vision. Using the recommendations in the Lithium Valley Commission's report as a starting point, the OIIP will seek to:

1. Define the Lithium Valley Vision with input from multiple perspectives, including those of local residents, government, California Native American tribes, industry, environmental justice and environmental groups, academia, the public, and others;
2. Identify the entities currently implementing Lithium Valley Commission recommendations and establish a coordinated approach between those entities to fulfill and track progress on the completion of those recommendations;
3. Determine how the Lithium Valley Vision ties into the state's climate and green energy goals;
4. Develop recommendations for a Lithium Valley Strategic Plan to align efforts towards the shared Lithium Valley Vision and the state's lithium economy;
5. Identify how infrastructure needs create barriers to reaching those goals; and
6. Explore whether new legislation is needed to fulfill the Lithium Valley Commission's recommendations.

The proceeding seeks to establish a record of input from multiple perspectives, including those of local residents, government, California Native American tribes, industry, environmental justice and environmental groups, academia, the public, and others to incorporate into the Lithium Valley Strategic Plan and other actions.

For more information about the Lithium Valley Vision, visit this webpage:

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/lithium-valley-vision>

For more information on Lithium Valley Commission and its report, visit this webpage:

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley>

Attendance Instructions

In-person participants may join the meeting at California Natural Resources Agency's First Floor Auditorium, 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Masks and social distancing are encouraged, but not required.

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/84815090529?pwd=cVpVZmJhaHgwamtsUThBTDNUT1Rpdz09> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID **848 1509 0529** and passcode **449315** and follow all prompts.

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Public Comment.

The CEC encourages public comments upon the proceeding. Please see the following instructions for providing oral and written comments.

Oral comments and questions will be accepted at the end of each workshop session. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2024. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system for written comments. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket [24-OIIP-02](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/24-OIIP-02) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=24-OIIP-02>.

Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 24-OIP-02 and Lithium Valley Informational Proceeding in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

Written comments may also be submitted by mail. Please mail a paper copy to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 24-OIIP-02
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

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Media Inquiries: Email mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 654-4989.

Technical Subject Inquiries: Email LithiumValley@energy.ca.gov.

General Inquiries: Email Erik Stokes at Erik.Stokes@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 531-3354.

Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the CEC Docket Log for 24-OIIP-02,

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-OIIP-02>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Lithium Valley subscription. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit

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Dated: April 5, 2024, at Sacramento, California.

Subscriptions:

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