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**Lithium Valley Commission
Meeting Action Minutes - February 25, 2021**

The Lithium Valley Commission (LVC) meeting was called to order on February 25, 2021, at 1:00 PM by California Energy Commission (CEC) Project Manager Elisabeth de Jong.

Attendance: LVC Commissioners

- Rod Colwell
- Roderic Dolega
- Miranda Flores
- Martha Guzman Aceves
- James C. Hanks
- Ryan E. Kelley
- Luis Olmedo
- Silvia Paz
- Frank Ruiz
- Manfred Scott
- Thomas Soto
- Jonathan Weisgall

Members not in attendance

- Arthur Lopez

Commission vacancies

- Senate Committee on Rules Commission Seat.

Presentations

- CEC staff provided presentations and facilitated Commission discussion on AB 1657 and California Lithium Recovery and Importance
- An attorney from the CEC’s Chief Council’s Office provided training on the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and Public Records Act. Materials supporting this training have been made publicly available through the docket associated with the Lithium Valley Commission activities: [TN # 236892](#)

Voting Items

1. Chair Election

Luis Olmedo moved to elect a Chair for the Lithium Valley Commission, and Frank Ruiz seconded. The vote passes by a majority vote to nominate and elect a Chair.

- Record of Votes:
 - Rod Colwell - Yes
 - Roderic Dolega - Yes
 - Miranda Flores - Yes
 - Martha Guzman Aceves - Yes
 - James C. Hanks - Yes
 - Ryan E. Kelley - Yes
 - Luis Olmedo - Yes
 - Silvia Paz - Yes
 - Frank Ruiz - Yes
 - Manfred Scott - Yes
 - Thomas Soto - not present
 - Jonathan Weisgall - Yes

Silvia Paz was nominated by Luis Olmedo, seconded by Martha Guzman-Aceves. Ryan Kelley was nominated by Rod Colwell, seconded by Frank Ruiz. The vote passes by a majority vote to elect Silvia Paz as Chair of the Lithium Valley Commission.

- Record of Votes:
 - Rod Colwell - Kelley
 - Roderic Dolega - Abstain
 - Miranda Flores - Paz
 - Martha Guzman Aceves - Paz
 - James C. Hanks - Kelley
 - Ryan E. Kelley - Kelley
 - Luis Olmedo - Paz
 - Silvia Paz - Paz
 - Frank Ruiz - Kelley
 - Manfred Scott - Paz
 - Thomas Soto - not present
 - Jonathan Weisgall - Paz

2. Frequency of Meetings

Ryan Kelley moved to hold monthly reoccurring meetings and Rod Colwell seconded. The vote passes with majority votes.

- Record of Votes:
 - Rod Colwell - Yes
 - Roderic Dolega - Yes
 - Miranda Flores - Yes
 - Martha Guzman Aceves - Yes
 - James C. Hanks - Yes
 - Ryan E. Kelley - Yes
 - Luis Olmedo - Yes
 - Silvia Paz - Yes
 - Frank Ruiz - Yes
 - Manfred Scott - Yes
 - Thomas Soto - not present
 - Jonathan Weisgall - Yes

Next Steps and Closing Comments

- The Commissioners deferred the agenda items identified below to a subsequent meeting.
 - Charter, Proposed Agenda Topics for Future Meetings, Potential Guest Speakers and presentations of Interest
- Next meeting to be held in March 2021

Items of Interest and Resources Referenced During the Meeting

- Items e-filed to the [Lithium Valley Commission Docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01) can be found here: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01>
- Resources provided by attendees:
 - [DOE-funded report](#)
 - [Crisis at the Salton Sea](#)
 - Presidential Executive Order [Fact Sheet](#) and [Text](#)
 - California Lithium Economy Act: [AB 1397](#)