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**Lithium Valley Commission
Meeting Action Minutes – April 29, 2021**

The Lithium Valley Commission meeting was called to order on April 29, 2021, at 1:30 PM by Lithium Valley Commission Chair Paz.

Attendance: Lithium Valley Commissioners

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

Commissioner Hanks joined the meeting at 1:59 PM. Commissioner Manfred Scott was not in attendance.

Commission vacancies:

- Senate Committee on Rules Commission Seat.

Agenda

The administrative items within the agenda were rearranged; the Report Schedule/Expectations occurred before the Sub-bodies agenda item.

Presentations

A compiled set of the (updated) presentations identified below has been docketed and can be found here:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=237689&DocumentContentId=70913>

- CEC Project Manager for the Lithium Valley Commission’s Report, Terra Weeks, provided a proposal on the outline, schedule, and expectations of the report
- CEC Chief Counsel attorney, Deborah Dyer provided rules and expectations of sub-bodies with respect to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act
- Panel Discussion and Presentation on Global Lithium Perspective:
 - Derek Benson with EnergySource presented on overview of the John L. Featherstone Plant in the Salton Sea
 - Dr. Rebecca Paisley with Cornish Lithium presented on the lithium extraction efforts in the United Kingdom

- UC Santa Cruz Professor Fernando Leiva presented on lessons learned from lithium extraction in Chile

Voting Items

1. Accept Action Minutes from March Meeting

Commissioner Weisgall moved to approve the meeting action minutes from the March 25, 2021 public meeting, and Commissioner Ruiz seconded. The vote passes by a majority roll call vote to approve the meeting action minutes.

- Record of Votes:
 - Rod Colwell - Yes
 - Roderic Dolega - Yes
 - Miranda Flores - Yes
 - Martha Guzman Aceves – Yes
 - Ryan E. Kelley – Yes
 - Arthur Lopez - Yes
 - Luis Olmedo - Yes
 - Silvia Paz - Yes
 - Frank Ruiz – Yes
 - Thomas Soto - Yes
 - Jonathan Weisgall – Abstain

2. Approve Rules of Order

Commissioner Soto moved to approve the Rules of Order and Commissioner Lopez seconded. The vote passes unanimously by roll call vote to approve the Rules of Order as presented and acknowledge that Commission can revise at later date.

- Record of Votes:
 - Rod Colwell - Yes
 - Roderic Dolega - Yes
 - Miranda Flores - Yes
 - Martha Guzman Aceves – Yes
 - James C. Hanks - Yes
 - Ryan E. Kelley – Abstain
 - Arthur Lopez - Yes
 - Luis Olmedo - Yes
 - Silvia Paz - Yes
 - Frank Ruiz – Yes
 - Thomas Soto - Yes
 - Jonathan Weisgall - Yes

Next Steps

- Next meeting to be held on May 27, 2021 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.

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>
- Legislation updates by CEC Office of Governmental and International Affairs
 - [AB 983](#)
 - [AB 1397](#)
 - [SB 244](#)
 - [SB 289](#)
 - [SB 423](#)
 - [SB 551](#)

- Media updates from CEC Media and Public Communications Office; articles relating to lithium
 - NPR: California's 'White Gold' Rush: Lithium In Demand Amid Surge In Electric Vehicles <https://www.npr.org/2021/04/28/990867075/californias-white-gold-rush-lithium-in-demand-amid-surge-in-electric-vehicles?ft=nprml&f=1007>
 - ABC World News Tonight: Lithium in the Mojave Desert <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0sOShJKneg>
- Department of Energy's Geothermal Technology Office update from Alexandra Prisjatschew:
 - [Geothermal Lithium Extraction Prize](#)
 - Questions relating to the Geothermal Lithium Extraction Prize can be submitted at geolithiumextraction@nrel.gov
- Other Resources provided:
 - [California Workforce Development Board: High Road Training Partnerships](#)