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**Lithium Valley Commission
Legislative Update
July 29, 2021**

Weeks Behind

July 14 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills.
July 16 Summer Recess begins upon adjournment of this day's session.

Weeks Ahead

August 16 Legislature reconvenes from summer Recess.
August 27 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report on bills.

Legislation

AB 983 (Garcia) Public contracts: construction projects: community workforce agreements: battery manufacturing and lithium-based technology. Amended 6/15. Senate-Governance and Finance Committee. **Two-year bill.**

SB 423 (Stern) Energy: renewable and zero-carbon resources. Amended 7/13. A-APPR.

This bill requires the CEC, in consultation with the CPUC, CAISO, and CARB, by 12/31/2022, to submit to the Legislature an assessment of emerging renewable energy and firm zero-carbon resources that support a clean, reliable, and resilient electrical grid. This bill aims to accelerate procurement of renewables to existing CPUC procurement requirements to ensure a reliable grid especially during extreme weather events. States in the findings and declarations that California is a global leader in solar energy and lithium-ion battery storage deployment, and these resources are increasingly and urgently needed to boost grid reliability.

SB 551 (Stern). California Zero-Emission Vehicle Authority. 7/8 version. A-APPR.

This bill establishes the California Zero-Emission Vehicle Authority within the Governor's office to coordinate activities to advance the deployment electric vehicle charging and zero-emission fueling infrastructure and ensure equity, workforce, and economic development. One of many responsibilities for the Authority is to support and improve the battery supply chain including the use of lithium from the Salton Sea.

Links to legislation cited above:

- [SB 983 \(Garcia\)](#)
- [SB 423 \(Stern\)](#)
- [SB 551 \(Stern\)](#)