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# Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California Draft Report



# FACT SHEET

On September 21, 2022, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction (Lithium Valley Commission), released a draft report of findings and recommendations. Following a public comment period, the report will be finalized and submitted to the state legislature to consider as part of future policymaking.

Download the draft report:

English: <https://bit.ly/LithiumReportEN>

Spanish: <https://bit.ly/LitiInforme>

Purepecha (executive summary):

<https://bit.ly/LitiumKeriKaranskua>

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## Draft Report Recommendations

Established by Assembly Bill 1657 in September 2020, the Blue Ribbon Commission was created to explore opportunities and challenges surrounding lithium recovery from geothermal brines in Imperial County as world demand soars.

The draft report includes 44 recommendations across issue areas including:

- Geothermal energy development for lithium recovery
- Market opportunities
- Electricity grid benefits
- Technical and economic challenges
- Safety and environmental protection
- Economic benefits and environmental impacts
- Local, state, and federal incentive and investment opportunities
- Legislative or regulatory changes

## Community and Tribal Recommendations

The draft report also presents priorities and perspectives from residents of the community and Tribal members who recommend the following actions:

- The CEC or another state agency be required to:
  - ◊ Continue tribal and community coordination, education and engagement activities in the Salton Sea region centered around lithium recovery activities.
  - ◊ Provide information in accessible formats and primary languages of community residents for all project-related materials.
  - ◊ Provide financial and other capacity building resources to enable Tribes, local community-based organizations and community residents to engage with developers and local and state government agencies.
- The state should formally establish or identify the specific region it considers to be “Lithium Valley” and enable the identified region to participate in and compete for existing and new funding programs.
- Lithium recovery projects be required to integrate mitigation and monitoring measures, beyond those required by CEQA.

## Stay Connected with the Blue Ribbon Commission

CEC staff assists and provides coordination support for Blue Ribbon Commission activities.

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