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Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California

Organization	Topic	Name	Excerpts or Summary of Comments ¹	Initial Staff Response ²	Link to the docketed comment or transcript
Business	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Eduardo Oviedo	My name is Eduardo Oviedo. I own the mining rights for the exploitation of the geothermal brine in the Cerro Prieto Geothermal power plant in Mexicali, Mexico. The Geothermal brine for Cerro Prieto geothermal camp is similar to the brine flooring in Salton Sea geothermal power facilities and I want to share the process we design for our project for your consideration. ... With this design we use the infrastructure for multiple uses, generating heat and food in the production of high tech food closed facilities... And we want to offer Seawater for the Salton Sea restoration Plan. The seawater for US\$100,000/cubic hectometer.	Thank you for sharing this information in the docket to inform the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California. Please see the State of California Salton Sea Management Program webpage for more information: https://saltonsea.ca.gov/	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247127&DocumentContentId=81534
Business	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Citizens Energy Corporation	Over the past 15+ years, Citizens has pioneered a unique business model in high-voltage transmission whereby Citizens partners with utilities and energy infrastructure developers to finance, and own, a portion of new transmission facilities, while committing to use 50 percent of its annual profits from the project to fund energy assistance programs in Environmental Justice (EJ) communities in the project area. The other 50% of profits fund Citizens' operations seeking additional project opportunities. The assistance provides a meaningful, sustainable, and incremental financial benefit to EJ communities for 30 years. ... Citizens has demonstrated the viability of its transmission business model across three projects in California, which will collectively produce over \$75 million of assistance for low-income families who live in the project area. ... Citizens is partnering with IID to fund a \$40 million upgrade to an existing 230 kV line (S Line) that will bring grid benefits to the CAISO. Once operational in 2023, this investment will produce ~\$18 million of assistance to help ease the energy burden on IID's low-income customers. Citizens is working to develop additional transmission in the Imperial Valley, partnering with IID and Grid United on the North Gila – Imperial Valley #2 (NGIV2) 500kV line, which is currently being studied by the CAISO as part of their grid planning efforts.	Thank you for providing this information into the record. The Commission is proposing revised Recommendation 2 to accelerate planning of transmission for geothermal power plants in Imperial Valley. Discussion of transmission is included in Chapter 4 (Sections A and C).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246891&DocumentContentId=81234
Business	Technical and economic challenges	EnergySource Minerals LLC	we request that the Commission be cautious of any additional mandates and requirements on the burgeoning lithium industry beyond the recent state tax that will significantly benefit county residents... We feel that the recommendations overall, do more to inhibit the industry, therefore running counter to the directive of the Commission ... we explicitly urge caution on any recommendations that go beyond the existing stringent requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CEQA process includes some of the most stringent and comprehensive environmental requirements in the world. ... the Commission should be cautious of any proposals to streamline or expedite the CEQA process. We strongly believe that the environmental impacts of proposed projects should be considered and that CEQA provides the appropriate process for that analysis.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 1 which focuses on establishing a priority permitting process for geothermal, DLE, and related industries. Also, see Revised Recommendation 13, which aims to balance perspectives reflected in the record by recommending a regional study of cumulative impacts separate from the CEQA review conducted at the project level. The study could be designed to inform consideration of advance mitigation efforts.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247059&DocumentContentId=81417
Business	Technical and economic challenges	California Manufacturers and Technology Association	... the recently adopted tax structure is likely too aggressive and lacks needed flexibility for an industry sector that is in its infancy... The Draft Report is factually accurate in that "[...] there are no commercial-scale facilities operating" that utilize direct lithium extraction (DLE) from geothermal brines. ... Section D needs modification to fully acknowledge and analyze that the excise tax may also be a hindrance to industry, not just a net-economic benefit. ... CMTA recommends that Section D be modified as necessary to address the potential negative consequences of the excise tax limiting lithium extraction and industry development.	Thank you for your comment. See Recommendation 5. Also, see discussion of industry's concerns with the tax structure added to Chapter 4 (Section D).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247113&DocumentContentId=81520
Business	Technical and economic challenges	California Manufacturers and Technology Association	The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and its related processes, include the most comprehensive and all-encompassing environmental requirements in the world. To establish that CEQA "[...] should be considered the floor and not the ceiling [...]" is indicative of an intent to expand California's environmental regulation or make it more stringent. Any modification or expansion of the CEQA process is of great concern to our organization and other stakeholders. The impacts will inevitably delay proposed lithium extraction and related geothermal energy projects by decades. CMTA recommends that all references to establishing processes that are more expansive and/or stringent than what is currently provided by CEQA be deleted from the report.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 1, which focuses on establishing a priority permitting process for geothermal, DLE, and related industries. Additionally, see revised Recommendation 13, which aims to balance perspectives reflected in the record by recommending a regional study of cumulative impacts separate from the CEQA review conducted at the project level. The study could be designed to inform consideration of advance mitigation efforts.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247113&DocumentContentId=81520
Business	Technical and economic challenges	EnergySource Minerals LLC	we request more specificity on what existing state programs in particular can be leveraged for market expansion for the industry, and how.	Thank you for your comment. Chapter 4 (Section G) provides information on existing state incentive programs, such as the Electric Program Investment Charge and Clean Transportation Programs. Additionally, revised Recommendation 8 proposes to establish a business service center to facilitate access to incentive program information. Staff suggests industry connect with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to explore assistance from state programs.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247059&DocumentContentId=81417
Business	Technical and economic challenges	EnergySource Minerals LLC	We would also be interested in what incentive or investment programs at the local, state and federal level may be available in the operating phase of the project, and for the growth of the industry in the long run, that the Commission recommends the industry pursue. If these programs are not yet established, we would suggest the Commission detail what type of investment mechanisms you are recommending be created.	Thank you for your comment. Chapter 4 (Section G) provides information on existing federal, state, and local incentive programs. Staff suggests industry connect with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to explore assistance from state programs.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247059&DocumentContentId=81417
Business	Technical and economic challenges	EnergySource Minerals LLC	... We would recommend first prioritizing infrastructure investment opportunities that improve broadband coverage and expand transportation infrastructure like roads, bridges and rail, as they are the most immediate needs of the industry and would also benefit the community at large significantly.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendations 11, 17, and 18, which address issues related to infrastructure needs and improvements. Additionally, discussion of infrastructure needs and investments is included in several sections of report, such as the Executive Summary, Chapter 1, Chapter 3 (Community Perspectives), and Chapter 4 (Section D).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247059&DocumentContentId=81417

¹ Written comments were provided in response to the Initial Draft which can be found at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=246170>

² Draft Staff Responses reflect modifications to the initial draft which can be found in the Revised Draft and Recommendations <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247491> and <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247492>

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Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Comite Civico del Valle	... twice we see the city of Imperial referenced in a grouping of fenceline/shoreline communities impacted by the industry, yet the cities of Westmorland and Salton City are omitted (Executive Summary page 4, line 13; Chapter 1, Page 8, line 14). In both cases, these are cities of meager means, whose residents overwhelmingly live in poverty in comparison to the more affluent city of Imperial, which is miscategorized; Imperial is largely a single-family housing development-driven city.	Thank you for your comment. See revision in the Executive Summary and Chapter 1, which adds Westmorland and Salton City to the communities in the Salton Sea region and near the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area. Also, see revised Recommendation 7, which aims to bring communities, Tribes, government, and business together to identify lithium-related economic opportunities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247072&DocumentContentId=81437
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	George Ishee	I'm with a group in support of the lithium extraction they're wanting to start doing at the Salton Sea and we wanted to submit some public comments to the Lithium Valley Commission to voice our support for the industry. ... we think this industry can be a big boost to the local economy and not all of us are able to attend the Commission meetings.	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246426&DocumentContentId=80629
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Comite Civico del Valle	... On Key Recommendations Table 1, Page 8, line 14, the report reads, "identify Lithium Valley." We believe it is of the utmost importance to not simply imply that Lithium Valley is the Imperial Valley but to explicitly define and spell that out within the report in order to ensure equitable access to funding for the underserved and underrepresented peoples of the Imperial Valley, that is, the fenceline communities of Lithium Valley....	Thank you for your comment. The Draft Report describes Lithium Valley as a term used by state leadership and others to describe a world-class lithium industry in California centered on recovery of lithium from geothermal brine in Imperial County and the expansion of geothermal energy production. A definition of the Salton Sea region is included in the glossary and body of the report and provides an alternative geographic reference. Also, see Recommendation 3, which proposes a Southeast California Economic Zone to compete for state and federal funding and prioritize investment in the communities closest to geothermal power plants and DLE facilities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247072&DocumentContentId=81437
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Earthworks / Jared Naimark	recommendation #4 on page 40: ... This commission should complement this excellent recommendation with a recommendation to reduce overall lithium demand through policies that reduce dependence on private, single-occupancy electric vehicles and instead promote electrified, multi-modal forms of transportation.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 9, which supports development of a circular lithium economy with environmentally responsible sourcing of raw materials and reuse and recycling of materials. Additionally, revised Recommendation 18 would create an advisory council on community and Tribal priorities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247077&DocumentContentId=81444
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, et al.	Prioritize investments from the state and lithium-generated revenues for community-serving and infrastructure projects that are identified in collaboration with local residents.	Thank you for your comment. The Commission is proposing revised Recommendation 3. This suggests creation of a Southeast California Economic Zone to compete for state and federal funding and incorporate community priorities. Also, see revised Recommendation 17 for infrastructure investment and participatory budgeting and revised Recommendation 18 to create an advisory council for community and Tribal priorities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247116&DocumentContentId=81522
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Center for Biological Diversity	While much of the air quality impacts are caused by the drying of the Salton Sea, that is not the only source of air quality impacts. Other human activities that disturb intact soils and vegetation, such as road and site grading and vehicle traffic, can significantly increase particulates and other dangerous emissions further degrading air quality and increasing impacts to human health and the environment.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13 for a regional study of cumulative seismic and environmental impacts.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246812&DocumentContentId=81153
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Center for Biological Diversity	Require state and local public agencies to provide n-language summaries <u>translations</u> prepared in the primary languages of community residents for the following types of materials: permits, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents, regulatory reports, monitoring reports and other information regarding project status and operations.	Thank you for the suggested editorial corrections. Please see revised Recommendation 21, which proposes to establish standards for state and local permitting agencies and require agencies to provide plain language written communications. Additionally, revised Recommendation 18 would create an advisory council on community and Tribal priorities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246812&DocumentContentId=81153
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Center for Biological Diversity	Require that lithium production projects integrate mitigation measures, beyond those required by CEQA, that address the importance of working to restore the balance of nature and preserving ecosystems and cultural landscapes and take into account cumulative impacts <u>to ensure no additional deterioration in local and regional air quality from the direct, indirect, cumulative or growth inducing impacts of the projects and to ensure an improvement in air quality to benefit local community health.</u> For example...	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13 for a regional study of cumulative impacts and advance mitigation efforts.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246812&DocumentContentId=81153
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Center for Biological Diversity	Require the Imperial Irrigation District to identify the specific <u>fresh water input needs</u> for anticipated projects comprehensively, not in isolation, but considering all the known developers' plans to bring new geothermal power plants on-line by 2024 <u>and beyond</u> with facilities using DLE technology to recover lithium from geothermal brine, <u>and to identify specific water sources and/or offsets for these new water needs as Colorado River supplies are decreasing and voluntary or mandatory cuts are or may be implemented.</u>	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 14 for a study on water use, sources, and availability for lithium-related projects.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246812&DocumentContentId=81153
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Center for Biological Diversity	<u>Encourage</u> <u>Require</u> lithium recovery project developers to implement circular processes (beyond reuse, recycling, <u>and beyond</u>) for lithium, energy and water efficiency measures, and other advanced environmental design approaches when designing facilities and operations <u>including reducing waste streams</u>	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 9 that support development of a circular lithium economy with environmentally responsible sourcing of raw materials and reuse and recycling of materials.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246812&DocumentContentId=81153
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Comite Civico del Valle	In terms of waste, we also don't believe everything is fully understood concerning what waste streams will be created from the extraction process. We believe there needs to be a requirement that solid and/or liquid waste be stored and disposed of properly. To not address it at all is to leave too much open to chance.	Thank you for your comment. As a standard, waste streams are considered when a project undergoes a CEQA analysis. Also, see revised Recommendation 19, which would further increase information on lithium waste streams and related topics. Additionally, Chapter 4 (Section F, Environmental Impacts and Public Health) provides the Commission's findings related to the interest and prioritization of waste streams and waste management.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247072&DocumentContentId=81437

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Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Earthworks / Jared Naimark	<p>the draft commission report contains strong recommendations regarding environmental protection. Most notably, recommendation #1 on page 51 ... recommendations on mitigating environmental impacts should be strengthened to apply specifically to the potential impacts of geothermal energy development and direct lithium extraction. Based on Earthworks' review of the available planning documents and academic literature, these may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring that when waste products are tested to determine whether they are hazardous or not, the results are disclosed to the public in an accessible and prompt manner. • Requiring that all waste is stored properly to avoid exposure to wind, and all waste facilities are built to withstand the strongest possible natural disasters. • Prohibiting the use of water-intensive evaporation ponds at lithium facilities, since they permanently remove water from the hydrological cycle. • Creating a comprehensive, dynamic, and publicly available plan for the use of water at lithium and geothermal facilities, with projected future growth of the industry in the context of severe drought and climate change, with different scenarios of possible future cuts to Colorado River water allocation. • Since there is still debate in the scientific literature on the interaction between geothermal development and seismic activity, require close monitoring and further study and take all possible precautions. 	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 19, which would further increase information on lithium waste streams and related topics. See revised Recommendation 13 for a regional study of cumulative seismic and environmental impacts. Revised Recommendation 14 proposes a study on water use, sources, and availability for lithium-related projects.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247077&DocumentContentId=81444
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, et al.	<p>... The official definition for "Lithium Valley" must include the ECV communities of Coachella, Thermal, Oasis, Mecca, and North Shore, in addition to those already included in the Draft Report. ...</p> <p>Define an official geographic area known as "Lithium Valley" that identifies the tentative development and impact zone within the Salton Sea region.</p>	Thank you for your comment. The draft report describes Lithium Valley as a term used by state leadership and others to describe a world-class lithium industry in California centered on recovery of lithium from geothermal brine. See the definition in the Executive Summary, Chapter 1, and glossary. The Salton Sea region has been defined in the report, and the Commission is considering a recommendation to establish the Southeast California Economic Zone including Imperial County, Eastern Coachella Valley, and Palo Verde Valley.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247116&DocumentContentId=81522
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, et al.	... to provide next steps and continuity for the public, we ask that the LVC and CEC work with the state legislature to clarify how the recommendations will be implemented once submitted and include this process in the final report.	Thank you for your comment. AB 1657 requires the Blue Ribbon Commission to review, investigate, and analyze specific topics relating to lithium extraction in California and submit a report to the Legislature documenting its findings and any recommendations. The Commission is recommending to the Legislature the need for continued engagement and investment. See revised recommendations related to outreach and engagement, economic development, and incentivizing investments.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247116&DocumentContentId=81522
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, et al.	Please refer to the attached Appendix I for our definitions of: Salton Sea region, local communities, "Lithium Valley," lithium industry, and impact zone.	Thank you for your comment. See revised redline of the Draft Report for changes to terms in the glossary and Recommendation 3, which further defines a geographical investment zone.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247116&DocumentContentId=81522
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, et al.	<p>... we present our support for some of the Draft Report's recommendations and ask that these be expanded to guide the state legislature to:</p> <p>Implement all recommendations that call for a continued and enhanced engagement and consultation process with local communities and Tribes prior to the development of new policy, programming, and investment proposals that support lithium extraction and processing.</p>	Thank you for your comment. See Recommendations 3, 7, 11, 18, 20, 21, 22. These recommendations propose to strengthen community and Tribal engagement.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247116&DocumentContentId=81522
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, et al.	<p>Require project developers to include additional analyses and processes in concert with environmental reviews imposed by CEQA to ensure the full protection of and benefit to the people of the Salton Sea region.</p> <p>Prioritize the region's public and environmental health by preventing or fully mitigating any impacts resulting from the geothermal and lithium industries, recommend Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) be required, and identify enforceable mitigation measures prior to issuance of applicable permits.</p> <p>a. Require an independent entity to conduct a thorough water analysis of availability and need across the region before allocating additional water to the geothermal and lithium industries.</p> <p>b. Require the disclosure and monitoring of potential threats to air and water quality.</p>	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 10, which focuses on health impact assessment, revised Recommendation 13 (advance mitigation), revised Recommendation 14 (water study), and revised Recommendation 21, which requires clear communication to community and Tribes, provision of information on lithium recovery and waste streams, and post-approval monitoring and enforcement. See Chapter 4 (Section E) and Chapter 4 (Section F, Environmental Impacts and Public Health) for discussion of environmental analyses, health impact assessments, water availability studies, and environmental monitoring.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247116&DocumentContentId=81522
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Comite Civico del Valle	Our most serious concern — the single issue that sounds the alarm bells above all others for our organization — is the troubling definition for the "Salton Sea Region," which we feel threatens to dilute the just distribution of economic benefit and mitigation funding to the fenceline communities impacted by the emerging lithium industry. ... That extraction at Lithium Valley will impact the Salton Sea Region is true; of this we have no quarrel. That the region would go beyond Eastern Coachella Valley at best is simply false and cannot be substantiated under any modern historical geographical usage that we have found...We would ask — nay, demand — that "Salton Sea Region" be immediately redefined at every point in the report to not extend beyond Eastern Coachella Valley, if that. To this point, we stand firm and intractable.	Thank you for your comment. See the revised definition of the Salton Sea Region in the glossary, which further refines the definition to include Eastern Coachella and Imperial Valleys. Also, see revised Recommendation 3, which proposes a Southeast California Economic Zone to compete for state and federal funding and prioritize investment in the communities closest to geothermal power plants and DLE facilities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247072&DocumentContentId=81437
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Comite Civico del Valle	The region is notorious among geologists and seismologists as a point where three seismically active faults converge. It is CCV's position that this should be documented, and that some sort of ongoing study and/or seismic activity monitoring program should be part of the report to assess regional infrastructure deficiencies, among other potential problems.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13 for a regional study of cumulative seismic and environmental impacts. Also, see Chapter 4 (EnergySource Minerals: Project ATLIS) for discussion of EIR findings regarding seismicity for that project.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247072&DocumentContentId=81437
Community-based organization	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Earthworks / Jared Naimark	Recommendation #2 on page 32... The commission should strengthen this recommendation by providing specific recommendations for how to implement consultation beyond legal requirements. This should include a recommendation to implement FPIC. International human rights standards enshrine Indigenous Peoples' right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent on projects affecting their lands, resources, cultural heritage and more. ² This includes the right to meaningful dialogue and the right to say "yes" or "no" to a project, and to revoke consent at any time.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 22, which proposes the development of best practices when initiating communication and consultation with Tribes during permitting process.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247077&DocumentContentId=81444

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Government	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	We recommend that the Commission maximizes opportunities for successful advance mitigation, including identifying potential mitigation sites complementary to existing mitigation projects and other mitigation planning underway, such as under the State's Salton Sea Management Program....	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13, which considers advance mitigation efforts. Also, Chapter 4, (Section F, Environmental Impacts and Public Health) includes Commission findings about advance mitigation.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247076&DocumentContentId=81442
Government	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	Given that the activities considered could result in significant impacts – both beneficial and adverse – to communities that face existing environmental and health burdens, as well as social vulnerabilities, we recommend that the Commission be resolute in its commitment to carefully and thoughtfully evaluating and addressing community and tribal concerns and priorities throughout the planning, implementation, and monitoring/evaluation process. ... Strive to ensure that economic benefits are directed to local and tribal communities and pursue measures to prevent gentrification effects... Provide technical assistance to communities to support them in understanding the project, its impacts, and the environmental review process.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 20, which proposes to provide capacity building funds for community and Tribal engagement with federal, state, and local permitting agencies. Also, the Commission proposing revised Recommendation 21 to provide information in plain language on proposed facilities and environmental monitoring.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247076&DocumentContentId=81442
Government	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	... Provide transparent process of tracking and sharing information on hazardous wastes, if any, during the lithium extraction and energy production, and when the facilities are closed in the future....	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 19, which would increase information on lithium waste streams and related topics. Also, see discussion around revised Recommendation 12 about a centralized tracking system for lithium project permitting by state and local regulatory agencies.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247076&DocumentContentId=81442
Government	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	Ensure that community members and tribes are meaningfully engaged in planning and implementation of project HIAs. Use the findings of the HIAs to inform the project and decision making to the fullest extent feasible. For information on HIAs, including guidance on conducting HIA's, see EPA's HIA website and HIA Resource and Tool Compilation.	Thank you for your comment. A link to U.S. EPA information on health impact assessments has been included in Chapter 4, Section E. Also, see revised recommendation 20, which proposes to provide capacity building funds for Tribes and community members to engage with federal, state, and local permitting agencies.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247076&DocumentContentId=81442
Government (local)	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	In addition to the recommendations provided in the Report, the Task Force strongly recommends a complete and through "Life Cycle" analysis using lithium as a source of geothermal energy in comparison with other energy sources such as wind, solar, and fossil fuel. The analysis should include metrics that track all resources needed to build and upgrade geothermal energy and transmission facilities to provide electricity to the grid. These resources include water demand, greenhouse gas emissions, use of chemicals, waste produced, air pollution, and other demands on resources. ...	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 9, which supports development of life cycle analysis.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246834&DocumentContentId=81183
Government (local)	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	The Task Force also recommends that the Commission and CEC incorporate other policy recommendations submitted by the Advisory Group to the California Environmental Protection Agency in March 2022. AB 2832 (Dahle, 2018) required the Advisory Group to convene and submit policy recommendations to the Legislature to ensure "...that as close to 100 percent as possible of lithium-ion batteries in the state are reused or recycled at end-of-life."	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 9, which supports development of a circular lithium economy with environmentally responsible sourcing of raw materials and reuse and recycling of materials. Also, Chapter 4, Section G discusses the Commission's findings about lithium-ion battery reuse and recycling.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246834&DocumentContentId=81183
Government (local)	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	New technology is needed to recycle the lithium and other elements in EV batteries that have reached the end of their useful lifespan. When EV batteries and other lithium products reach the end of life, they are still rich in lithium and other elements and can provide a crucial resource for recovery. ...	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 9, which supports development of a circular lithium economy with environmentally responsible sourcing of raw materials and reuse and recycling of materials.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246834&DocumentContentId=81183

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Government (local)	Legislative and regulatory changes	Imperial County	... the report mostly is a recapitulation of various public comments and discussion made at Lithium Valley Commission meetings that have little to do with the eight (8) topics. ... the State of California Governor and President of the United States have communicated publicly the need to expedite production as the United States works for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and advances domestic energy security.... We ask the Lithium Valley Commission and the California Energy Commission to refocus on the eight (8) original objectives of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction and redraft the entire report in a manner that is consistent with said eight (8) original objectives. Further, a new draft report should provide a framework for the region to generate lithium in a safe and expeditious fashion and refrain from creating additional bureaucracy, regulatory framework and unnecessary delays.	Thank you for your comment. The Commission intentionally developed a robust public engagement process to inform its report. Concurrently, the Commission has recognized the industry's need to move swiftly in light of the competition in the global economy. The revised report provides additional discussion of industry's interest in moving quickly and concerns regarding potential delays. Also, the revised recommendations aim to address these concerns.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246813&DocumentContentId=81146
Government (local)	Legislative and regulatory changes	Imperial County	All reference to processes more stringent than CEQA should be removed from the report.	Thank you for your comment. See recommendation 1, which proposes to place a priority on permitting applications related to lithium. Also, see Revised Recommendation 13, which aims to balance perspectives reflected in the record by recommending a regional study of cumulative impacts separate from the CEQA review conducted at the project level. The study could be designed to inform consideration of advance mitigation efforts.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246813&DocumentContentId=81146
Government (local)	Legislative and regulatory changes	Imperial County	Item H discusses the recommendation for the State Legislature to consider funding a state agency to establish a centralized permit and regulatory reporting tracking system. The County of Imperial rejects this suggestion ... This suggestion adds multiple layers of new bureaucracy as well as industry delays for an agency and administrative framework to be created.	Thank you for your comment. See discussion under revised Recommendation 12. AB 1657 requires the Blue Ribbon Commission to review, investigate, and analyze certain issues, including Public Resources Code 25232(d)(8): Recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes that may be needed to encourage lithium extraction from geothermal brines, including whether the development of a centralized tracking system for lithium project permitting by state and local regulatory agencies would assist with development of the lithium industry.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246813&DocumentContentId=81146
Government (local)	Legislative and regulatory changes	Imperial County	Bullet 6 discusses the need for community co-benefit agreements. ... A suggestion of a process where each individual project (producer, refiner, manufacturer/ assembler) is responsible for negotiating individual agreements with one or more of dozens of Community-Based Organizations, non-government public body or even individuals place an undue burden on lithium companies that will result in significant development delays. ...)	Thank you for your comment. See revised recommendations that balance perspectives and recommend best practices.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246813&DocumentContentId=81146
Government (local)	Legislative and regulatory changes	Imperial County	Lithium Valley is located in Imperial County	Thank you for your comment. The Draft Report describes Lithium Valley as a term used by state leadership and others to describe a world-class lithium industry in California centered on recovery of lithium from geothermal brine in Imperial County. Also, the report includes a definition of the Salton Sea region is provided. The Commission is considering a recommendation for a Southeast California Economic Zone (Recommendation 3).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246813&DocumentContentId=81146
Government (local)	Legislative and regulatory changes	Imperial County	Page 8 (PDF Page 15) discusses Tribal consultation and suggests a process more stringent than what is called for under state law. This is both repetitive and unnecessary. Tribal consultation laws (SB 18 and AB 52) are more recent laws and call for robust levels of consultation.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 22, which proposes the development of best practice guidance for lead agencies for communications and consultation with Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246813&DocumentContentId=81146
Government (local)	Legislative and regulatory changes	Imperial County	discusses the need for energy transmission and supply to the coastal and more urbanized communities. We applaud the need for energy, energy transmission and our role to host such facilities. It shall be stated for the record that Imperial County residents cannot and shall not be responsible for providing subsidized energy to coastal and more urbanized communities at the expense of our residents.	Thank you for providing this information into the record. See revised Recommendation 2 to accelerate state planning of transmission for geothermal power plants in Imperial Valley. Additionally, revised Recommendation 10 proposes to invest in infrastructure in the Salton Sea region and encourage applications for funding made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (H.R. 3684) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (H.R. 5376).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246813&DocumentContentId=81146
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	Lithium extraction from geothermal brines is a significant technological undertaking that remains unprecedented at the scales and rates required to realize optimistic visions for Lithium Valley. Continual technological developments in geothermal DLE and highly volatile minerals markets require ongoing evaluation of impacts, risks, and benefits; the draft report reflects a snapshot from a narrative that extends further backward and forward in time.	Thank you for your comment. Chapter 4, Section D includes discussion of the technical challenges of developing commercial-scale facilities to recover lithium chloride from geothermal brine.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	Battery cathodes that rely on manganese instead of cobalt as a redox active transition metal could utilize both lithium and manganese from the same geothermal resource. Given the similar technology readiness levels for large scale lithium extraction processes and next-generation lithium batteries, we recommend investigating co-development as a means to holistically assess project impact and leverage market synergy.	Thank you for providing this information into the record. This comment was added to the revised Draft Report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	p. 22 page 22 - It is important to note the difference between lithium carbonate equivalent and lithium. 1 ton of lithium has the same lithium content as 5.32 tons of lithium carbonate.	Thank you for the suggested editorial correction. This comment was added to the revised Draft Report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500

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Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	page 18 - Note that geothermal production wells at the Salton Sea are not pumped. ... Figure 7. Below are two more accurate schematic depictions...	Thank you for the suggested editorial corrections. Changes were made in the revised Draft Report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	p. 23 "recovery of lithium in the form of lithium chloride from geothermal brine"	Thank you for the suggested editorial correction. Change was made in the revised Draft Report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	p. 25 (Figure 11 indicates that the planned CTR lithium extraction facilities will occupy the area highlighted in light green. This is CTR's geothermal lease footprint; the actual footprint of the planned lithium extraction facilities (yet to be sited) will be much smaller than the highlighted area.	Thank you for the suggested editorial correction. Figure 11 is updated in the revised Draft Report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	p. 23 "recovery of lithium in the form of lithium chloride from geothermal brine"	Thank you for the suggestion and clarification. Changes were made when the text is referring to the initial step in the recovery and processing of lithium products from geothermal brine.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	p. 22 page 22 - It is important to note the difference between lithium carbonate equivalent and lithium. 1 ton of lithium has the same lithium content as 5.32 tons of lithium carbonate. As noted in Figure 4 on p. 15, the world lithium production in 2020 was ~91 thousand metric tons of lithium - this equates to 484 thousand metric tons of LCE production. This conversion factor should be noted in the text (it is noted on p. 73). p. 50 (processing of lithium chloride), 56 (typo - One additional)	Thank you for the suggestion and clarification. Changes were made in the text to show the calculation in LCE.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	p. 73 (change to lithium hydroxide monohydrate)	Thank you for the suggestion. Change was made in revised Draft Report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	Suggested editorial corrections to the draft report -- page 5 - change "global enter" to "global center" page 15, footnote 44 - change "ground, separated, separated," to "ground, separated," p. 63 (typo - "her be...",	Thank you for the suggestion. Change was made in revised Draft Report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	p. 42 (typo: would integrate; also, transmission would benefit other RE in region),	Thank you for your comment.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Government (national laboratory)	Technical and economic challenges	Berkeley Lab Lithium Resource Research and Innovation Center	p. 36 (suggest water for potential new geothermal in other KGRAs nearby)	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 14, which proposes to fund a study of water needs for projected cumulative infrastructure development of geothermal power plants and DLE facilities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247091&DocumentContentId=81500
Labor union or Trades Council	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	UAW Western States	... CBAs are agreements between developers and community/labor/environmental groups. These should include High Road workforce standards defined as ""Family supporting wage and benefit standards, worker protections, including right to organize, and employer commitments to invest in worker training." They should also require local hiring standards and create a shared vision between the community and developer including guidelines for workforce development and training. We recommend that the Commission include Community Benefits Agreements as an additional condition of government funding, and that community benefits agreements must include workforce standards and guarantee the rights of workers to organize.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 15 to provide incentives for developers to enter into and continue entering into project labor agreements, which would include implementation of High Road principles.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247109&DocumentContentId=81509

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Labor union or Trades Council	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	UAW Western States	Currently, the key recommendation for workforce standards in the Blue Ribbon report reads as follows: "Establish a requirement for receiving state support such that any project related to lithium recovery, production, or lithium-dependent product manufacturing must implement High Road job and career approaches to receive funding or other resource support from any state agency, including support for access to federal funding." We suggest incorporating Dr. Zabin's recommendations directly, making "High Road job and career approaches" more specific by defining "High Road" as "Family supporting wage and benefit standards, worker protections, including right to organize, and employer commitments to invest in worker training."	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 15 to provide incentives for developers to enter into and continue entering into project labor agreements, which would include implementation of High Road principles. In addition, Chapter 4 (Section F, Economic Impacts and Workforce Development) discusses High Road and community benefits agreements.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247109&DocumentContentId=81509
Labor union or Trades Council	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council	Project Labor Agreements can apply to maintenance work, but for operations and manufacturing, the equivalent to a Project Labor Agreement is called a Card Check Neutrality Agreement. A Card Check Neutrality Agreement is a contract between an employer and a labor union that establishes an agreement that the employer will respect the rights of its current or future employees to organize. ... To help give workers a free and fair choice as to whether or not they wish to form or join a union, the Draft Blue Ribbon Commission Report on Lithium Extraction in California must recommend that all companies and especially those who receive public funds for lithium development should commit to Project Labor Agreements and Card Check Neutrality Agreements with Labor Unions seeking to represent the workers they employ. ... The San Diego-Imperial Labor Council also supports the requirement that Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) be entered into by developers. ... We encourage all stakeholders to include worker protections that would ensure that jobs created in this sector and especially those that are supported by taxpayer funding are union jobs that will sustain workers and lift families into the middle-class.	Thank you for providing this information into the record. See revised Recommendation 15 that establishes incentives for developers to enter into, and continue entering into project labor agreements, which would include implementation of High Road principles.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247081&DocumentContentId=81447
Labor union or Trades Council	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	State Building and Construction Trades Council	The Blue Ribbon Commission's omission of project labor agreements and omission of state-certified apprenticeship opportunities is inconsistent with the information presented to the Commission and inconsistent with the state's goal of providing high quality jobs in the region... The Councils recommend that page 62 of the Draft Report be revised ... "labor standards, including project labor agreements, that produce high-quality jobs and careers and support state-certified apprenticeship opportunities." ... Require that lithium recovery and production project developers enter into project labor agreements with unions and trades the trade unions, as well as appropriate state or local agencies to support the development of educational pathways to develop a skilled and trained workforce, including internships, apprenticeships, certificate, and degree programs for local residents. Project labor agreements should be negotiated between the developer and the State Building and Construction Trades Council and the Imperial County Building and Construction Trades Council. Community Benefits Agreements should include coordination with a community advisory council created to advise development of community benefits agreements. ... 4. Require that lithium recovery and production project developers enter into maintenance agreements with the State Building and Construction Trades Council and the Imperial County Building and Construction Trades Council to support the continued development of a skilled and trained workforce and to realize long-term, middle-class job benefits.	Thank you for providing this information into the record. See revised Recommendation 15 that establishes incentives for developers to enter into, and continue entering into project labor agreements, which would include implementation of High Road principles. Also, see revised recommendation 3, which suggests creating a Southeast California Economic Zone with benefits tied to community benefit agreements, project labor and maintenance agreements, state-certified apprenticeship opportunities, and Tribal consultation.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247048&DocumentContentId=81411
Labor union or Trades Council	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	UAW Western States	... For operations and manufacturing, the equivalent to a Project Labor Agreement is called a Card Check Neutrality Agreements. A Card Check Neutrality Agreement is a contract between an employer and a labor union that establishes an agreement that the employer will respect the rights of its current or future employees to organize. ... the Draft Blue Ribbon Commission Report on Lithium Extraction in California should recommend that all companies and especially those who receive public funds for development in the lithium supply chain should commit to Card Check Neutrality Agreements with Labor Unions seeking to represent the workers they employ. This may read, "Establish a requirement for receiving state support such that any project related to lithium recovery, production, or lithium-dependent product manufacturing must implement High Road job and career approaches and commit to card check neutrality agreements with unions in order to respect the rights of workers to organize to receive funding or other resource support from any state agency, including support for access to federal funding."	Thank you for providing this information into the record. See revised Recommendation 15 to establish incentives for developers to enter into and continue entering into project labor agreements, which would include implementation of High Road principles. See also revised recommendation 3 to establish a Southeast California Economic Zone with benefits tied to community benefit agreements, project labor and maintenance agreements, state-certified apprenticeship opportunities, and Tribal consultation.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247109&DocumentContentId=81509
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	More rationale must be provided for the "Lithium Valley" area to extend beyond Imperial County given the map at Figure 1 showing all the nearby KGRAs to be within Imperial County.	Thank you for your comment. The Draft Report describes Lithium Valley as a term used by state leadership and others to describe a world-class lithium industry in California -- a regional economic hub -- centered on recovery of lithium from geothermal brine in the Salton Sea region, and its related supply chain. Additionally, revised Recommendation 3 proposes to establish a Southeast California Economic Zone, which includes Imperial Valley, Eastern Coachella Valley, and Palo Verde Valley.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	The draft report is premature in stating comparative benefits of direct lithium extraction (versus hard rock and evaporation ponds methods) in the text and Glossary, prior to environmental review actually being conducted.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13 for a regional study of environmental impacts and potential advance mitigation projects. In the Executive Summary, the revised draft clarifies that DLE is designed to be more sustainable than other approaches. The draft clarifies that each proposed project will be evaluated as part of the permitting process.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	Figure 9 shows Known Geothermal Resource Areas (KGRAs) extending into Glamis, East Mesa, and Dunes. The tribes do not support extending industry into greenfields or open space areas	Thank you for your comment. The map in Figure 9 shows the KGRAs in Imperial County. Projects for lithium chloride recovery and processing from geothermal brine have been proposed for the Salton Sea KGRA.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	•Using the data at the bottom of page 20, for example, is it possible for there to be 71 geothermal plants?	Thank you for your comment. Chapter 4 (Section A) notes that more than 900 MW of new geothermal power plants within Imperial Valley have been proposed to the IID interconnection queue. The specific number of potential geothermal power plants is unknown.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132

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Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Figure 10 Salton Sea KGRA legend, explain what "Shoreline prior to planned drawdown" means. Also, explain source and basis for "Estimated shoreline 2030". 	Thank you for your comment. According to Kaspereit at al. 2016, "planned drawdown" refers to implementation of a 2003 water transfer agreement. The impact of the 2003 water transfer agreement is the basis for the estimated shoreline in 2030.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •... need to fund independent technical experts/consultant for tribes. Could be based off of the Technical Resource Committee (TRC) model used by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) at the PG&E Topock Compressor Station clean-up project. •The sections on Tribal Concerns lack an equivalent level of specificity and detail to other sections, lack any findings, and do not adequately reflect tribal input received. ... nowhere in report are affiliated tribes and tribal people referenced or listed out. •community and tribal sections should be separated out for clarity and emphasis. Tribes are governments with specific trust and inter government protocols which must be followed. •can a List of Findings by Topic be developed? (A-20). •... mention of the ongoing state Truth & Healing Council effort - how is the lithium recovery proposal consistent with the Governor's apology to tribes and the goals of the state effort to avoid another state-sponsored erasure of tribes and their connections to the land and scared places? What needs to be done to correct this? • the Commission received testimony that the very same natural volcanic phenomena are reflected in both the tribal cultural values and the lithium resource opportunities. Any proposal must consider the Southeast Lake Cahuilla Active Volcanic Cultural District. 	Thank you for your comment. See language added to Chapter 3 directing the reader to the docket for further details related to tribal perspectives shared with the Commission.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	"Ensure all legally required and additional tribal consultation is <i>timely</i> completed, <i>prior to project approval</i> ."	Thank you for your comment. See Recommendation 22 proposing development of best practices for consultation with Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tribes should be specifically mentioned in recommendations including those under sections D, F, G, and text related to the Imperial County Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), health impact assessments, water quality and quantity, how water rights will be protected, etc., as tribes are sovereign and distinct political bodies, and governmental entities -not interested members of the public or community. <p>'Recommendation Economic Impacts, F.2. revise to: Ensure substantial distribution of revenue from any new taxes or fees related to lithium recovery to local communities <i>and tribes</i> to assist with community engagement, infrastructure improvements, and other priorities identified by local communities and tribes. "</p>	Thank you for your comment. See the additional language related to Tribes included in the revised recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	Carmen Lucas comment: "Tribal Perspectives Recommendation 5 revise to: For example, if lithium recovery from geothermal brine moves forward, some of the funding resulting from the projects should be allocated: to restoration of the Salton Sea, <i>directly to affiliated tribes to promote tribal priorities through a simple funding mechanism, towards tribal cultural landscape protection in the area.</i> "	Thank you for your comment. See the additional language related to Tribes included in the revised recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	"Tribal Perspectives Recommendation 4 revise to: Provide for additional identification and protection of tribal cultural resources before lithium recovery projects <i>are approved</i> and during operations. Examples include requiring well-qualified, affiliated Native Americans accompany archaeologists when conducting tribal cultural site surveys, <i>avoiding cultural features identified by affiliated tribes, enhance and protect tribal ceremonial and cultural use of cultural places, listing cultural features on the California Register of Historic Properties and/or National Register of Historic Places, effectuating landback or comanagement of sacred places and tribal cultural features in the area to affiliated tribes, and noise and dust reduction and protection of night skies.</i> "	Thank you for your comment. See the additional language related to Tribes included in the revised recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tribes should be specifically mentioned in recommendations including those under sections D, F, G, and text related to the Imperial County Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), health impact assessments, water quality and quantity, how water rights will be protected, etc., as tribes are sovereign and distinct political bodies, and governmental entities -not interested members of the public or community. <p>"Recommendation Economic Impacts, F.4. revise to: Investment decisions should consider community <i>and tribal</i> priorities and include opportunities for participatory budgeting ... "</p>	Thank you for your comment. See the additional language related to Tribes included in the revised recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tribes should be specifically mentioned in recommendations including those under sections D, F, G, and text related to the Imperial County Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), health impact assessments, water quality and quantity, how water rights will be protected, etc., as tribes are sovereign and distinct political bodies, and governmental entities -not interested members of the public or community <p>Recommendation D.1. revise to: Conduct required planning and secure funding to support regional infrastructure improvements and engage a local coalition of public agencies, <i>affiliated tribes</i>, and residents to identify projects needed to protect public health and safety</p>	Thank you for your comment. See the additional language related to Tribes included in the revised recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132

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Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	Will a joint EIR/EIS be prepared?	Thank you for your comment. At this time, it is not known whether a joint EIR/EIS will be prepared.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	Growth induction and its effects are omitted from the draft report including its CEQA (page 46) and other sections	Thank you for your comment. See clarification added to the report in Chapter 4.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribes should be specifically mentioned in recommendations including those under sections D, F, G, and text related to the Imperial County Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), health impact assessments, water quality and quantity, how water rights will be protected, etc., as tribes are sovereign and distinct political bodies, and governmental entities -not interested members of the public or community. <p>Recommendation Environmental Impacts, F.3. revise to: Moreover, any legislation creating funding for health impact assessments should mandate inclusion of local community groups <i>and affiliated tribes.</i> "</p>	Thank you for your comment. See the additional language related to Tribes included in the revised recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribes should be specifically mentioned in recommendations including those under sections D, F, G, and text related to the Imperial County Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), health impact assessments, water quality and quantity, how water rights will be protected, etc., as tribes are sovereign and distinct political bodies, and governmental entities -not interested members of the public or community. <p>"Add Recommendation Economic Impacts, F.6: Mandate that lithium recovery project developers enter into legally binding community benefits agreements with affiliated tribes. "</p>	Thank you for your comment. See the additional language related to Tribes included in the revised recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribes should be specifically mentioned in recommendations including those under sections D, F, G, and text related to the Imperial County Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), health impact assessments, water quality and quantity, how water rights will be protected, etc., as tribes are sovereign and distinct political bodies, and governmental entities -not interested members of the public or community. <p>Recommendation G.3. revise to: Establish and provide funding support for a business service center in Imperial County to facilitate access to incentive programs available for disadvantaged communities, small businesses, entrepreneurs, <i>affiliated tribes, and tribal members.</i></p>	Thank you for your comment. See the additional language related to Tribes included in the revised recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribes should be specifically mentioned in recommendations including those under sections D, F, G, and text related to the Imperial County Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), health impact assessments, water quality and quantity, how water rights will be protected, etc., as tribes are sovereign and distinct political bodies, and governmental entities -not interested members of the public or community. <p>"Recommendation H.1. revise to: The tracking system should include permitting by federal, state, and local regulatory agencies, including a list of required permits, the status of each permit application, and upcoming opportunities for public comment <i>and tribal consultation.</i>"</p>	Thank you for your comment. See the additional language related to Tribes included in the revised recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	• Chapter 5's title includes "Next Steps". However, this section does not detail any of the next steps for this Commission whose requirements remain operative until October 1, 2023.	Thank you for your comment. At this point in time, the Commission has not determined whether further meetings will be held beyond November 17, 2022. Taking this into account, staff finds the level of discussion in Chapter 5 reflects currently available information on next steps.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carmen Lucas (Kwaaymii Laguna Band)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions for "participatory budgeting," "High Road job", "high-road economy", "community cobenefit agreements," and "workforce development" should be placed in the Glossary. • The text also should be clearer about what it means by "cultural resources"; for example, "tribal cultural resources" is a specific category under CEQA but not used in the draft report. • The report should also include the full EPA definition of Environmental Justice and address systemic and cumulative racial disparities and exclusions • [See docketed item for additional detailed comments.] 	Thank you for your comment. Several of these definitions are provided in the text of the report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246783&DocumentContentId=81132
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan (Jill McCormick, Manfred Scott)	Draft Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California - the benefits of lithium extraction are discussed more than the social/cultural/environmental concerns or impacts this process would create.	Thank you for your comment. Documentation of environmental, health, and social concerns are discussed throughout the report. Additional reference to Tribal cultural concerns and priorities have been added to the report and the recommendations.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan (Jill McCormick, Manfred Scott)	Quechan: Draft Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California (Figure 1 : Map of the Salton Sea and Surrounding Region with nearby Known Geothermal Resources Areas) denotes several areas for lithium exploration outside of the Salton Sea area that have not been previously provided in any format to the Quechan Tribe - expansion of the lithium extraction process should be completely discussed in this report and should have been discussed during the years long commission process - Cumulative impacts of additional facilities and infrastructure require full consultation with the Quechan Tribe. Any expansion of the lithium extraction process needs to include consultation with the Quechan Tribe.	Thank you for your comment. See additional information provided for Figure 1 regarding the Known Geothermal Resource Areas.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503

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Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan (Jill McCormick, Manfred Scott)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Comments from the Quechan Tribe were not represented accurately in the Draft Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission regarding Lithium Extraction in California (referred to as the Lithium Valley Commission (LVC)). •Draft Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California (LVC) - Comments should reflect the Tribe who made them and include the specific comments of the Tribe not a summary of the comments. •Draft Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California (LVC) - Tribal perspectives and concerns should be listed separately and not included with the community perspectives and concerns section. •Quechan Tribe has provided specific cultural concerns such as protection of cultural features, sites and landscapes, but this was not included in the draft report. •Draft Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California (LVC) - fails to provide equal representation of Tribal Concerns with other stakeholders. •"Draft Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California (LVC) - lacks findings for the concerns raised by the Quechan Tribe - perhaps Tribes should provide their recommendations so they are reflected accurately in the report." 	Thank you for your comment. See language added to Chapter 3 directing the reader to the docket for more complete information on the variety of perspectives summarized in the report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan (Jill McCormick, Manfred Scott)	Finding Section does not adequately address specific impacts to Tribes concerns regarding sacred sites, landscapes, view sheds and cultural resources.	Thank you for your comment. See revised recommendations for edits to include Tribal perspectives. Also, see Chapter 3 for a summary of comments provided by Tribal members and representatives and a link to the docket for more information.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan (Jill McCormick, Manfred Scott)	Government to Government consultation has not occurred with the Quechan Tribe on the proposed projects. No consultation with the lead agency officials and the Quechan Tribe on sacred sites and landscapes that will be impacted by these projects.	Thank you for your comment. See recommendations 21 and 22.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan (Jill McCormick, Manfred Scott)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Quechan Tribe has posed numerous questions about the lithium projects in meetings and via letters, but these questions have not been answered by the agencies. •Adverse effects of lithium mining have not been analyzed and information on this analysis was not provided to the Quechan Tribe for further analysis was not provided to the Quechan Tribe for further consultation. •Cumulative impacts have not been fully analyzed and provided to the Quechan Tribe for further consultation. •... How will lithium extraction projects align with and support the Salton Sea Management Plan goals and objectives? 	Thank you for your comment. Staff continues to work to directly respond to correspondence. It is staff's view that some of the questions are answered by the draft report and some questions remain unanswered. It is staff's intent to respond to the correspondence directly. See recommendations 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 for proposals to uplift Tribal priorities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan (Jill McCormick, Manfred Scott)	How does the CEC plan to implement and oversee the Public Resources Code 25540.5 (delegation of CEC permitting authority) for lithium projects to ensure that counties enact robust environmental review of these projects?	Thank you for your comment. Information on the delegation of CEC's authority to delegate permitting for geothermal energy resources (Public Resource Code 25540.5) is in the CEC's rulemaking Docket No. 21-OIR-02. Related activities such as lithium extraction co-located at a site including new or expanded geothermal energy development exceeding 50 megawatts may be included in the delegated permitting authority. A county petitioning for delegated authority must first demonstrate to the CEC that it has an "equivalent certification program" meeting the CEC's existing requirements for environmental review, and analysis of safety and reliability. See https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-OIR-02	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan (Jill McCormick, Manfred Scott)	How does the Blue Ribbon Commission plan to enforce the recommendations provided. (e.g., Chapter 3, recommendations 1, 2, 4, and 5) in the Draft Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California?	Thank you for your comment. The Commission's report will be provided to the California State Legislature for its consideration.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan (Jill McCormick, Manfred Scott)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Project review under CEQA has not currently adequately reviewed Tribal Cultural Resources and engaged Tribes in consultation on TCR's. •How will coordination of NEPA and NHPA be conducted for projects that require federal review and coordination with CDFW is implemented? These processes should be fully detailed in the report? •"Imperial County has been extremely deficient in conduction mandated CEQA consultation. How will this improve with the implementation of lithium valley projects?" 	Thank you for your comment. Several of these topics are outside of the scope and purview of the Commission. The potential coordination of NEPA and NHPA related to specific future projects is available at this time. See Recommendations 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 uplifting Tribal priorities. Additional discussion about Tribal consultation is included in Chapter 3 (Tribal Perspectives) and Chapter 4 (Section E).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan Indian Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •"The current geothermal facilities have already had an impact on the Salton Sea landscape. The commission's report should include a summary of those impacts and explanation of the extensive disregard to consult with affiliated tribes." •"The affiliated tribes were left out of the lithium project in regard to planning and the environmental review related to geothermal lithium development, including the Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan. This should be stated clearly in the report." •"The report should include a strong recommendation for the State of California to make a serious effort to include tribal communities in planning and mitigation efforts through meaningful consultation." •"Imperial County lacks personnel competent in tribal engagement and consultation. The commission should consider adding a recommendation to fund and hire additional county staff and competency training in tribal consultation." 	Thank you for your comment. Several of these topics are outside of the scope and purview of the Commission. See Recommendations 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 uplifting Tribal priorities. Additional discussion about Tribal consultation is included in Chapter 3 (Tribal Perspectives) and Chapter 4 (Section E).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247347&DocumentContentId=81733
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Quechan Indian Tribe	•The report fails to acknowledge and examine the negative effects lithium and geothermal development may have on tribal cultural resources, including the cultural environment. This should be included in detail in the revised version.	Thank you for your comment. Tribal concerns are discussed in Chapter 3, and Tribal priorities are included in Recommendations 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247347&DocumentContentId=81733

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Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Thomas Tortez Jr. Tribal Council Chairman	We would like to help shape projects in advance instead of working to mitigate impacts to Any Tribal cultural landscape and resources after design decisions are made and permits are signed. Thank you to General Motors for respectfully engaging with our leadership here in Thermal, California recently and to Controlled Thermal Resources (CTR) and Berkshire Hathaway for reaching out to plan meetings with us. We encourage this and look forward to future discussions about ways to work together for mutual benefits and cultural and environmental sustainability... One of the Key Findings in the Report (Page 6) should be that there is deep local interest not only "in possible impacts to the environment, cultural resources, and public health due to increased development of geothermal power plants and lithium recovery" but also in job creation and business opportunities specifically for tribal communities that have been overlooked in the past. ... Please contact our Tribal Employee Rights Office (TERO) well before hiring commences to provide descriptions of jobs expected to be needed and their requirements and support job fairs and other mechanisms to assist our members in obtaining the needed certifications to be ready and qualified for Lithium Valley jobs.	Thank you for your comment. The Commission is proposing Recommendation 20 to provide capacity building funds for community and Tribal engagement. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report has been revised to include the point that there is community and Tribal interest in potential economic development, job creation, and business opportunities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Thomas Tortez Jr. Tribal Council Chairman	We would ask the Commission, again, to help provide qualified technical and engineering resources to assist us in evaluating the potential lithium resource from our submerged Salton Sea lands and opportunities to partner on geothermal energy development, lithium refinement, or support services for the future lithium marketplace coming to Imperial County. ... We would also respectfully like to request that the review period for the Blue Ribbon Commission Report be extended to 45 days to allow for discussion, accessibility, transparency, and meaningful feedback from all stakeholders.	Thank you for your comment. The Commission is proposing Recommendation 20 to provide capacity building funds for community and tribal engagement. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report has been revised to include the point that there is also interest and support for the economic development, job creation, and business opportunities available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Tribe	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Thomas Tortez Jr. Tribal Council Chairman	... The preservation of TMDCI and Quechan cultural sacred sites is of the utmost importance to our members. TMDCI is looking to partner with industries and agencies that will be sensitive to the tribal cultural needs and commit to working together with us in partnerships that will endeavor to preserve our sacred sites.	Thank you for your comment. See text on Tribal cultural sites in the Draft Report. See Recommendations 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 uplifting Tribal priorities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247100&DocumentContentId=81503
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Rafaela Forero Arias	Great Deal the lithium but what about the lake and the people in the surrounding area or Cities	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13, which aims to balance perspectives reflected in the record by recommending a regional study of cumulative impacts separate from the CEQA review conducted at the project level. The study could be designed to inform consideration of advance mitigation efforts. Additionally, discussion of potential environmental impacts is included in Chapter 3 (Community Perspectives) and Chapter 4 (Section F, Environmental Impacts and Public Health).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246583&DocumentContentId=80780
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	...the Salton Sea region: a historically marginalized sacrifice zone that community members have made clear should not include Palm Springs but should include Westmorland. Westmorland should be added to the list of communities on p. 8 of Chapter 1, and Palm Springs should be removed from Community Recommendation 4 on p. 30.	Thank you for your comment. See revised definition of the Salton Sea Region in the glossary. Also, see Recommendation 3 to create a Southeast California Economic Zone.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	It is laudable that the report recommends mandating community benefit agreements, as well as project labor agreements (Economic Impacts Recommendation 5, p. 63; Workforce Development Recommendation 2, p. 64). Such benefit agreements should be understood similar to the way the report frames CEQA or tribal consultations as a minimum requirement and a floor, not a ceiling. While such agreements may return modest profits to the community, they can also give the false impression that the industry may relinquish its responsibility when the ink is dry. If this project is going to live up to its lofty ambitions regarding environmental, social and governance claims, then community benefits agreements will just be the beginning of a long process of reversing the considerable environmental injustice that has already occurred in the Salton Sea region:	Thank you for your comment. See Recommendation 3 that proposes to establish a Southeast California Economic Zone. The proposal aims for the regional economic zone to include balanced representation (including labor, business, community, government, and other) and prioritize investment in the communities closest to geothermal power plants and DLE facilities. Also, see Recommendations 17 and 18.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	the report's requirement to mandate community benefit agreements should remain in the final text (Economic Impacts Recommendation 5, p. 63). In my experience as a researcher and advocate for local and Indigenous communities near the Atacama salt flat in Chile, benefit-sharing agreements have helped to support Indigenous-led environmental monitoring, but they have also provided the basis for greenwashing by companies that have failed to remain accountable amid controversial scandals regarding corruption and lack of data transparency. It is clear that the Salton Sea region would stand to benefit from further funding for community organizations and Indigenous-led initiatives, and agreements with developers may be a positive first step in that direction, as long as there is continued responsibility.	Thank you for your comment. See discussion of community benefit agreements in Recommendation 3. Also, see Recommendation 20 for funding community and Tribal engagement with federal, state, and local permitting agencies.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	while it is helpful that the report describes the Salton Sea as within the boundaries of ancient Lake Cahuilla on p. 27 of chapter 3, the triangulation with other locations seems to be incorrect. It should say "The Salton Sea sits [cut west] east of Anza Borrego Desert State Park."	Thank you for catching this error. Correction was made in the text.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446

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Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	The report features maps showing geothermal resources, but it does not give the public a geographical understanding of the location of mineral leases for lithium or development of new geothermal plants. Some geothermal energy developers have indicated in public forums that they plan to significantly expand and even build double the current number of plants. Figure 11 on p. 25 in the report should show where these additional plants will be located.	Thank you for your comment and suggestion. See additional language added to the report.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	in relation to waste streams, it is critical to state how the iron-silica filter cakes resulting from lithium extraction will be stored and disposed (p. 54). Given their potentially hazardous chemical composition, it must be stated clearly which toxic waste facility or facilities will receive them, and how exactly potential pollution from this material will be mitigated in health impact assessments.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 19 regarding information on lithium waste streams and related topics. Additional discussion is included in Chapter 3 noting comments seeking more information on potential impacts health, water, air, and land. Also, see Chapter 4 (Section F, Environmental Impacts and Public Health) for discussion of waste streams and waste management.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	Cumulative impacts of waste streams from potential battery manufacturing and recycling should also be accounted for in the report.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 9, which proposes development of a circular lithium economy based in California with environmentally responsible sourcing of raw materials and requirements for product design that support recovery, reuse, and recycling of materials. Additionally, revised Recommendation 19 address information on lithium waste streams and related topics.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	if the aim is to mitigate fossil fuel emissions by producing critical materials primarily for manufacturing of electric vehicle batteries for clean transportation (Figure 2 on p. 5 of Chapter 1), then there should be a clearly stated commitment to deploy electric truck fleets on site for geothermal lithium development and operation as soon as possible to prevent further pollution from particulate matter emitted by diesel trucks.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 18 to create an advisory council for community and Tribal priorities and help identify whether additional actions are needed to attract new, sustainable business development and economic activity.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	some of the claims about DLE requiring less water than evaporation ponds need clarification. On p. 47 the report states that "BHE Renewables plans to limit freshwater usage to 50,000 gallons per metric ton of lithium carbonate, which is 90 percent less than the amount used in lithium evaporation ponds in South America." This needs clarification and/or more citations. In Chile brine is treated as a mineral rather than water, so it is not clear what amount of freshwater in lithium evaporation ponds is being used to compare in this instance. Based on my own research in South America, I have advocated for reclassifying brine as water in the Atacama salt flat, but it is not clear here if brine is being included in this estimated comparison.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 14 for a study on water use, sources, and availability for lithium-related projects.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	it is helpful that the report states that no water from the Salton Sea will be used for the projects (p. 55), but this does not address water from the Colorado River that might have ended up in the Salton Sea if it were not allocated for DLE. This projected allocation of water for DLE rather than ecological restoration may thus contribute indirectly to the continued shrinking of the sea and dust pollution from exposure of playa.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 14 for a study of projected cumulative infrastructure development of geothermal power plants and DLE facilities and related water use, sources, and availability.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	community members have expressed concerns about how geothermal energy production interacts with seismic activity, and this should be addressed more clearly in the report	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13 for a regional study of potential environmental impacts, including seismicity. Discussion of this topic is included in Chapter 3. See Chapter 4 (EnergySource Minerals: Project ATLiS) for discussion of EIR findings regarding seismicity for that project.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	regarding Tribal perspectives in the report, I also appreciate that "legally required consultation should be considered as a floor, not a ceiling" (Tribal Perspectives, Recommendation 2, p. A3). This intention must be demonstrated by adhering to the legal requirements of timely consultation with sovereign Tribes that should be treated as government-to-government relations.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 22, which proposes to develop best practice guidance for Tribal consultation.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	I concur with the thoughtful and detailed feedback in the comment submitted by Courtney Ann Coyle on behalf of Carmen Lucas, Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Indians. The report's frequent absence of affiliated Tribes where they should appear in recommendations that only mention the presumably non-Indigenous community indicates an all-too-common tendency of Indigenous erasure.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendations 3, 7, 8, and 17.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446

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Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cal Poly Pomona / James J. A. Blair	Even if geothermal DLE may not involve evaporation ponds, some DLE technologies may require significant amounts of freshwater, and some industry experts have even argued that DLE may require even more freshwater than evaporation ponds if brine is not categorized as freshwater. It is therefore necessary to not only prohibit evaporation ponds but also plan for long-term cumulative impacts of water use, including specifying how water will be reused in the DLE process, and modeling for water supply constraints due to diversions and droughts.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13 that proposes to fund a regional study on potential environmental impacts, including recommendations to avoid, reduce, or minimize potential impacts, and consider advance mitigation efforts. Also, see revised Recommendation 14 for a study on water use, sources, and availability for lithium-related projects. Additionally, discussion of potential environmental impacts is included in Chapter 3 (Community Perspectives) and Chapter 4 (Section F Environmental Impacts and Public Health).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247080&DocumentContentId=81446
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carl Barnhill	Let's all work together and get this very important project going in Imperial Valley, how important are good paying jobs for valley residents, and most importantly the ability for the USA to produce its own lithium. and not be dependent on countries that don't like us, like China. I feel this a great, and safe opportunity for the valley., and America. Thanks for listening	Thank you for your comment. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246683&DocumentContentId=80985
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	John Grass	Community benefits agreements need to emphasize the importance of establishing point of sale lithium related business in order to realize the benefit of sales tax revenue to local communities. Who will provide leadership on the formation of a community advisory council? What will the membership of a community advisory council consist of?	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 18, which proposes to create an advisory council to inform development of community benefits agreements and related topics. Additionally, Chapter 4 (Section F, Economic Impacts and Workforce) provides a discussion about community benefits agreements.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247058&DocumentContentId=81421
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	John Grass	The recommendations do not address specific funding methodologies, State agencies, departments that would be tasked to regulate and oversee the administration of the proposed policies. Lithium extraction will require the creation of additional governmental responsibilities, standards, procedures, regulations and financial costs. ... It has been noted that all of these recommendations will expand government administration and oversight responsibilities. This expansion of government should not be paid for from the proceeds of the Lithium excise tax.	Thank you for your comment. See revised recommendations for edits to clarify responsibilities and funding.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247058&DocumentContentId=81421
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	John Grass	What will be included in a "health impact assessment"? Is this an epidemiological report or public health survey? What will be the health standards that will be used to identify any negative health impacts? What will be the intervention or actions taken if negative health impacts are identified? How often will assessments be needed? Additionally, any type of health impact assessment will need to establish baseline health conditions to distinguish between pre-existing conditions and health conditions acquired subsequent to the initiation of lithium extraction. Any health condition acquired subsequent to the initiation of lithium extraction should attempt to rule out a correlation to lithium exposure. ... it must be emphasized the need to define what consists of a health impact assessment and what standards will be established to define varying levels of health impact. Additionally, if health is found to be affected negatively, what will be the interventions?	Thank you for your comment. The scope of the health impact study, whether it's a health impact assessment or something different, will need to be further determined by the state Legislature if it chooses to act on this recommendation. Also, a discussion of health impact assessments is included in Chapter 4 (Section E), Chapter 4 (Section F, Environmental Impacts and Public Health), and Chapter 4 (Section F, Economic Impacts).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247058&DocumentContentId=81421
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	John Grass	Project labor agreements should give priority consideration to local unions and trades	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 15, which establishes incentives for developers to enter into and continue entering into project labor agreements, which would include implementation of High Road principles. See also revised Recommendation 3 proposing creation of a Southeast California Economic Zone with benefits tied to community benefit agreements, project labor and maintenance agreements, state-certified apprenticeship opportunities, and Tribal consultation. In addition, discussion of local hiring is included in Chapter 4 (Section F, Economic Impacts) and Chapter 4 (Section G).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247058&DocumentContentId=81421
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Maria Nava-Froelich	Environmental studies and mitigation should continue throughout the life of the project and this information should be shared with the community.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13, which aims to balance perspectives reflected in the record by recommending a regional study of cumulative impacts separate from the CEQA review conducted at the project level. The study could be designed to inform consideration of advance mitigation efforts. Additional discussion of mitigation and reporting throughout the life of each project is included in Chapter 3 (Community Perspectives) and Chapter 4 (Section E).	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247120&DocumentContentId=81526
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Maria Nava-Froelich	Lithium community benefits should stay in the Imperial County and not be shared with Riverside County because the lithium extraction is taking place in the north end of the county. The fence line communities should be given priority. We have been neglected for too long and want Niland and Calipatria communities to thrive in the areas of economic, business, and housing development. I am advocating for 30% or more of the lithium community benefits to be used for infrastructure and other projects for our city of Calipatria, and to purchase and/or acquire the Golden State Water Company treatment plant. ... Imperial Irrigation District royalties from the lithium extraction should be shared with the fence line communities in the form of infrastructure, housing and business projects in order to help the dying communities thrive once again. An oversight community benefits committee should be formed to make sure the funds are used appropriately. The Lithium Valley Commission report is too broad and lacks specifics.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 3, which proposes a Southeast California Economic Zone to compete for state and federal funding and prioritize investment in the communities closest to geothermal power plants and DLE facilities.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247120&DocumentContentId=81526

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Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Maria Nava-Froelich	We want local jobs and lithium battery manufacturing to take place within the Imperial County.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 15, which proposes to establish incentives for developers to enter into and continue entering into project labor agreements, establish workforce training and development strategies, implement High Road principles, and prioritize local hiring. Additionally, Chapter 4, Section F (Economic Impacts) and Section G discuss local hiring.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247120&DocumentContentId=81526
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Meg Slattery	In the absence of robust research, the report relies heavily on the EnergySource Minerals Draft EIR. The summaries and excerpts from the DEIR on pages 48 and 49 are helpful, as is the section summarizing traffic impacts on page 52. However, in other sections, it would be good to include more specific results from the Draft EIR, and/or state that the information is still under investigation. For instance, the section on air quality impacts does not describe the impacts of the project; instead, it is mainly a list of the agencies required to approve a project. I think it is necessary and relevant to point to these agencies and regulations as measures that will protect air quality. Still, they should not be presented as information about the air quality impact of the DLE process. It would also be helpful to provide more information about the different thresholds and how they are monitored.	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13, which aims to balance perspectives reflected in the record by recommending a regional study of cumulative impacts separate from the CEQA review conducted at the project level. The study could be designed to inform consideration of advance mitigation efforts. Revised Recommendation 14 proposed a study on water use, sources, and availability for lithium-related projects. Additionally, see recommendation 21 to provide information in plain language on proposed facilities and environmental monitoring and enforcement.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247119&DocumentContentId=81525
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Meg Slattery	Moving forward, I think it would be helpful for the State to establish a dedicated body that would hold regular meetings and workshops as a continuation of this commission, which is consistent with multiple recommendations throughout the report sections that point to the need for continued tribal consultation and community engagement. To synthesize these recommendations, this body could do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide regular updates on the status of development for geothermal and lithium extraction facilities, particularly related to CEQA permitting (E1) • Disseminate findings from environmental and health impact reports and third-party research, ideally through in-person workshops as well as printed and virtual materials with graphics, and provide opportunities for people to ask questions and give feedback • Oversee the program described in E2 and disseminate information from impact monitoring • Present information about the additional value chain infrastructure envisioned to build out Lithium Valley before these developments occur. The different steps (i.e., LiCO3 or LiOH synthesis, precursor cathode and cathode active material manufacturing, and cell production) should be explained, along with an idea of what it would mean to have this type of manufacturing in the region. For example, workshops and materials could provide pictures and videos of existing facilities, clear explanations of water use, emissions, and environmental protection measures, and the number of jobs created with position and training descriptions. Since these facilities exist elsewhere in the world, it could be a bit more straightforward compared to DLE. • Facilitate participatory workshops to identify community priorities regarding infrastructure, workforce development, and public investment (D1, D3). 	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 18 to create an advisory council for local priorities and revised Recommendation 21, which proposes that permitting agencies provide information in plain language on proposed facilities and environmental monitoring and enforcement.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247119&DocumentContentId=81525
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Self	I would like to recommend avoiding lithium extraction in California. I believe the emphasis should be put on reuse and recycling of batteries rather than extractive industries. Thank you	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 9 to support development of a circular lithium economy including reuse and recycling. Discussion of battery reuse and recycling is included in Chapter 4, Section F (Environmental Impacts and Public Health) and Section G.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247121&DocumentContentId=81527
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Tinker Gomez	Overall lithium ion batteries contain hazardous elements that will have disastrous effects on the environment if they end up with municipal solid waste streams. Has there been enough research done on potential contamination of water and activity? ... Employees and local communities be informed of potential health hazards?	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13, which aims to balance perspectives reflected in the record by recommending a regional study of cumulative impacts separate from the CEQA review conducted at the project level. The study could be designed to inform consideration of advance mitigation efforts. Revised Recommendation 14 proposed a study on water use, sources, and availability for lithium-related projects. Additionally, see recommendation 21 to provide information in plain language on proposed facilities and environmental monitoring and enforcement.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247110&DocumentContentId=81508
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Tinker Gomez	Mining consumes contaminates and diverts scarce water resources away from local communities approximately 2.2 million liters of water is needed to produce 1 ton of lithium. The production of lithium through evaporation ponds uses around 21 million liters per day. Water diversion systems blocks migration routes for fish and disrupts habitats water withdrawal for human use shrinks and degrades habitats run off from agricultural and urban areas hurts water quality. The irregular release of water on the main course riverbed increases soil erosion in the downstream which causes saltwater invasion in the downstream. Water diversion projects cause water logging problems large areas of lands, forest settlements get submerged which have a direct impact on wildlife. Ground pumping has caused dramatic changes to our natural land scape, over pumping causes the water table to drop-resulting in dried up streams, lakes, wetlands, and land subsidence along rivers-resulting in the destruction of highly productive eco systems... What water resources will local communities have? Plans for restoration of damaged eco systems and soil be in place?	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13, which aims to balance perspectives reflected in the record by recommending a regional study of cumulative impacts separate from the CEQA review conducted at the project level. The study could be designed to inform consideration of advance mitigation efforts. Revised Recommendation 14 proposed a study on water use, sources, and availability for lithium-related projects.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247110&DocumentContentId=81508
Public	Market opportunities	Michael Wells	Hi, great report! I noticed a mistake on page 37. It says current levels of lithium demand are "100k mt LCE". The unit for that estimate should be lithium, not LCE. On page 22, that same estimate is reported as "lithium". Per your citation in footnote 72, recent global supplies/demand are around 4-500k for LCE, and ~100k for lithium. Similarly, on page 22, you compare the 600k MT LCE estimates for Salton Sea to 100k global supplies of lithium (not LCE). For apples to apples comparison, I recommend comparing the 600k LCE to global supplies of LCE.	Thank you for raising this issue. Edits were made to clarify these comparisons.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247133&DocumentContentId=81536

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Public	Safety and environmental protection	Angel Garcia	"Concerned of how the processing of disposing lithium batteries and there must be a better solution!"	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 9, which supports development of a circular lithium economy with environmentally responsible sourcing of raw materials and reuse and recycling of materials. Additionally revised Recommendation 19 would increase information on lithium waste streams and related topics.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247057&DocumentContentId=81424
Public	Safety and environmental protection	Julian Rodriguez Jr	Mining - "All mining needs to stop and find a clearer solution to all the negative results of mining and what damage it causes and ever worse what it leaves behind not being corrected back to its natural state as before"	Thank you for your comment. EnergySource Minerals, BHE Renewables, and CTR are in the process of developing projects to recover lithium from geothermal brine at existing or new geothermal power plants in Imperial County using direct lithium extraction (DLE) technologies. Chapter 2 explains DLE technology and its difference from other lithium extraction technologies, such as rock mining and evaporation ponds.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247063&DocumentContentId=81428
Public	Safety and environmental protection	Axel Tobing	Seismic Activity - there was no mention of the effects of seismic activity in the draft report. I was wondering if there were any consideration about potential impacts of a large earthquake that would devastate future development projects as well as the surrounding communities?	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13 for a regional study of potential impacts, including seismicity. Discussion of this topic is included in Chapter 3. Also, see Chapter 4 (EnergySource Minerals: Project ATLiS) for discussion of EIR findings regarding seismicity for that project.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247062&DocumentContentId=81427
Public	Technical and economic challenges	Ana Luiza Nicolae	Inclusion of induced seismicity as potential environmental risk	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendation 13 for a regional study of potential environmental impacts, including seismicity.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247099&DocumentContentId=81504
Resident, Coachella	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Rosario Sabala	The Lithium Valley Commission must be more transparent about their plans, especially if it involves communities residing near those locations. If the lithium project is going to be inclusive, sustainable, and equitable to define them in actionable items and identify what stakeholders are involved. I would also like for the Lithium Valley Commission to offer more meetings to the community	Thank you for your comment. See revised Recommendations 20 and 21, which propose to provide capacity building funds for community and Tribal engagement with permitting agencies and provide information in plain language on proposed facilities and environmental monitoring. Additionally, revised Recommendation 18 calls for an advisory council that could work to identify whether additional actions are needed to attract new, sustainable business development and economic activity.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246761&DocumentContentId=81109
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Abel Arguilez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246909&DocumentContentId=81265
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Adela Gamez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Adolfo Singh	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246884&DocumentContentId=81259
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Alfredo Balderas	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246914&DocumentContentId=81270
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Alice Siqueiros	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246903&DocumentContentId=81258
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Alma Murua	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Angel Rosad	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246914&DocumentContentId=81270
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Anita Hunter	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221

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Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carlos Lozano	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Celene Silva	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Chelsea Mullen	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246903&DocumentContentId=81258
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Christian Froelich	Keeping benefits in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247117&DocumentContentId=81523
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Consuelo Vergara	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246967&DocumentContentId=81329
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Curtis Riggs	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246914&DocumentContentId=81270
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cynthia Guizar	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Daniel Romero	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246935&DocumentContentId=81410
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Davey Cook	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246903&DocumentContentId=81258
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	David Alvarado	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246909&DocumentContentId=81265
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	David Camacho	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246914&DocumentContentId=81270
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Deanna Horne	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246851&DocumentContentId=81235

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Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Diane Flores	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246914&DocumentContentId=81270
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Dom Caravello	We seriously need the jobs in Imperial County...support us please.	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246824&DocumentContentId=81173
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Domenic Caravello	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Edgar Gerardo	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246903&DocumentContentId=81258
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Eduardo Asuncion	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246914&DocumentContentId=81270
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Edward Stewart	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246903&DocumentContentId=81258
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Elizabeth Corona	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246909&DocumentContentId=81265
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Elizabeth Ibarra	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246909&DocumentContentId=81265
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Elizabeth Nazarit	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Emma Owens	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246884&DocumentContentId=81259
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Enrique Rodriguez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246914&DocumentContentId=81270
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Ernest Moreno	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246909&DocumentContentId=81265

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Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Moran Santos	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246927&DocumentContentId=81280
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Noemi Reynoso	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246914&DocumentContentId=81270
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Norma Reyes	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Patricia Montano	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Patricia Salazar	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246909&DocumentContentId=81265
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Peggy McGill	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246896&DocumentContentId=81229
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Perlita Gomes	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246903&DocumentContentId=81258
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Priscilla Estrada	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246903&DocumentContentId=81258
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Rafael Solis	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Randy Harris	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246894&DocumentContentId=81231
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Rebecca Alviso	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246851&DocumentContentId=81235
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Rebecca Glass	I wanted to share my support for developing the lithium industry in Imperial County. These projects will bring much-needed economic benefits and tax revenue and will help to fuel California's clean energy future. This industry is essential and something we should be supporting in our state and in our community.	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246762&DocumentContentId=81110

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Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Sonia Diaz	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246890&DocumentContentId=81236
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Stephanie Pena	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246909&DocumentContentId=81265
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Sutton James	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Sylva Becerra	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246997&DocumentContentId=81360
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Tif Test	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246837&DocumentContentId=81190
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Tina Gearhart	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246914&DocumentContentId=81270
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Veronica Velasquez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246909&DocumentContentId=81265
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Vincent Magana	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246972&DocumentContentId=81333
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	William Swing	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246903&DocumentContentId=81258
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Yadira Chavez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246836&DocumentContentId=81221
Public	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Zachariah Taffolla	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246909&DocumentContentId=81265
Resident, Borrego Springs	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Candice Gutierrez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246848&DocumentContentId=81202
Resident, Borrego Springs	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Jose Sanchez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246880&DocumentContentId=81218

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Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Aaron Pena	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246860&DocumentContentId=81212
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Adawn Arnaiz	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246835&DocumentContentId=81188
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Catalina Corrales	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Chris Brooks	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247126&DocumentContentId=81532
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Chrisandra Todd	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246861&DocumentContentId=81211
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Christopher Negrete	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246877&DocumentContentId=81242
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cynthia Delosmonteros	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246868&DocumentContentId=81251
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Elizabeth Hanks	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246867&DocumentContentId=81252
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Grace Angulo	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246864&DocumentContentId=81255
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Laura Lopez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246901&DocumentContentId=81224
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Marilyn Gonzales	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246865&DocumentContentId=81254
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Martha Santana	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246889&DocumentContentId=81237

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Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Nancy Galvan	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246885&DocumentContentId=81241
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Olivia Lancaster	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246862&DocumentContentId=81257
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Rico Ortega	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246839&DocumentContentId=81192
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Rosa Rios	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246866&DocumentContentId=81253
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Samuel Sanders	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247126&DocumentContentId=81532
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Sandy Castaneda	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247093&DocumentContentId=81506
Resident, Brawley	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Zandra Toriz	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246849&DocumentContentId=81203
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Carlos Villegas	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Claudia Perez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Cynthia Torres	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247126&DocumentContentId=81532
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Eduardo Estrada	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Elsa Gallardo	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247093&DocumentContentId=81506

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Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Gastelum Gildardo	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Graciela Palacios	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Kevin Herrera	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246879&DocumentContentId=81220
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Laura Rivera	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247093&DocumentContentId=81506
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Lawson Hardrick	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246882&DocumentContentId=81215
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Manuel Gallegos	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246843&DocumentContentId=81195
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Mario Saucedo	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246876&DocumentContentId=81243
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Norma Laveaga	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246888&DocumentContentId=81238
Resident, Calexico	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Oscar Alcantar	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246878&DocumentContentId=81222
Resident, Calipatria	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Albert Ramos	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246874&DocumentContentId=81245
Resident, Calipatria	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Nancy Lovett	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247093&DocumentContentId=81506
Resident, Calipatria	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Raymond Hernandez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246869&DocumentContentId=81250

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Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	James Jessee	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247093&DocumentContentId=81506
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Javier Raya	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246852&DocumentContentId=81205
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Judy Galvan	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246925&DocumentContentId=81282
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Kristan Quiane	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246923&DocumentContentId=81284
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Luis Lozano	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Maria Coloma	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246908&DocumentContentId=81264
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Melvin Barton	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246872&DocumentContentId=81247
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Michael Gorden	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246853&DocumentContentId=81206
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Michele Rios	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246870&DocumentContentId=81249
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Miguel Lopez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246871&DocumentContentId=81248
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Monica Cruz	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247126&DocumentContentId=81532
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Regina Viloria	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246846&DocumentContentId=81199

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Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Veronica Espinoza	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246859&DocumentContentId=81213
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Victor Pando	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246928&DocumentContentId=81279
Resident, El Centro	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Virginia Chastain	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246900&DocumentContentId=81225
Resident, Heber	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Blanca Garcia	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246845&DocumentContentId=81198
Resident, Holtville	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Crystal Villela	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247093&DocumentContentId=81506
Resident, Holtville	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Kira Mercurio	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246857&DocumentContentId=81209
Resident, Holtville	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Paul Carley	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247126&DocumentContentId=81532
Resident, Imperial	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Adrian Riven	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246840&DocumentContentId=81193
Resident, Imperial	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Alicia Fernandez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, Imperial	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Howard Scott	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246858&DocumentContentId=81210
Resident, Imperial	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Mario Obeso	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, Imperial	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Maura Zavala	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246863&DocumentContentId=81256

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Resident, Imperial	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Moreno Sandy	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247126&DocumentContentId=81532
Resident, Imperial	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Patricia Alvarez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247056&DocumentContentId=81425
Resident, Imperial	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Tim Swarthout	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246917&DocumentContentId=81276
Resident, Jacumba	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Clinton Hoy	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247088&DocumentContentId=81501
Resident, Niland	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Alyssa Fish	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247093&DocumentContentId=81506
Resident, Niland	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Amanda Hobbs	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246918&DocumentContentId=81275
Resident, Niland	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Gilbert Perez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246887&DocumentContentId=81239
Resident, Niland	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	James Shriver	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246856&DocumentContentId=81208
Resident, Niland	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Randy Penson	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246883&DocumentContentId=81214
Resident, Palm Desert	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Debra Gutierrez	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246915&DocumentContentId=81278
Resident, Salton City	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Jose Huerta	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246881&DocumentContentId=81216
Resident, Thermal	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Evelyn Colvin	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=246922&DocumentContentId=81285

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Resident, Winterhaven	Economic benefits and environmental impacts	Pennie Mike	Share support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County	Thank you for sharing your perspective in the docket to inform the work of the Lithium Valley Commission. The Executive Summary of the Draft Report notes that there is interest and support for making economic development, job creation, and business opportunities from lithium and related industries available to the community and Tribes.	https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=247093&DocumentContentId=81506