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Notice of the Convening of the Lithium Valley Commission

February 25, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Remote Access Only

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will convene the first meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California (Lithium Valley Commission). The meeting will be held remotely, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to encourage physical distancing in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public can participate consistent with the direction in these Executive Orders.

Background

Assembly Bill 1657 (Garcia, Chapter 271, 2020) (AB 1657) requires that the CEC establish and convene the Lithium Valley Commission, which is charged with reviewing, investigating, and analyzing certain issues and potential incentives regarding lithium extraction. Additionally, the Lithium Valley Commission is required to submit a report to the Legislature documenting its findings and recommendations on or before October 1, 2022.

Pursuant to AB 1657, the CEC is required to convene the Lithium Valley Commission by March 1, 2021. AB 1657 specifies that 14 members shall be appointed to the Lithium Valley Commission, representing certain industries, organizations, and communities. Pursuant to AB 1657, the CEC appointed nine members and the additional appointments are made by the California Public Utilities Commission, the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency, the Senate Committee on Rules, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Governor.

More information about the Lithium Valley Commission can be found on the CEC's [Lithium Valley Commission webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium->

valley.

CEC commissioners may also attend and participate in the meeting, but no votes by them will be taken.

Agenda

The Lithium Valley Commission will consider and may act on the following items:

- Welcome and Agenda Overview
- CEC Commissioner Opening Remarks
- Introductions
 - Roll Call of Lithium Valley Commission Members to Determine Quorum
 - Introductions of Lithium Valley Commission Members and CEC support staff
 - Introductions of Collaborating Agencies and Entities
- Break
- Presentations by CEC Staff
 - Lithium Valley Commission Purpose and Goals
 - Background on California Lithium Recovery and Importance
- Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and Public Records Act Presentation
- Operational and Administrative Planning
 - Potential Selection of the Lithium Valley Commission Chair
 - Frequency of Meetings
 - Subgroups
 - Charter
 - Proposed Agenda Topics for Future Meetings
 - Potential Guest Speakers and Presentations of Interest
 - Other
- Public Comment
- Next Steps and Closing Comments

Remote Attendance

The meeting may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or going to [Zoom](https://join.zoom.us), <https://join.zoom.us>. Enter the ID and password listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, you may contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor's Office at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or (800) 822-6228.

Link to

Meeting: <https://energy.zoom.us/j/96614256227?pwd=enp5QlZCWmlzc21VM0FFQW9Qejh0UT09>

Meeting ID: 966 1425 6227

Meeting Password: LITHIUM

Use the "raise hand feature" to indicate you want to speak and the event facilitator will indicate when your line is open and ready for you to make comment.

To Participate by Telephone, dial (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475 4499 (USA Toll Free) or (213) 338 8477 (CA Toll). When prompted, enter the ID: 966 1425 6227. To comment, dial *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The Lithium Valley Commission will accept oral comments on each agenda item during the meeting, as well as general comments about any topic relevant to the Lithium Valley Commission at the conclusion of the meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one speaker per organization. Any comments become part of the public record. If participating via Zoom's platform, see detailed instructions above.

Written comments. Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. **March 4, 2021.** Please note that written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record with access available via any internet search engine.

Written comments may be submitted through one of the following two options:

1. Submit comments to the CEC's Dockets Unit. The CEC uses an electronic commenting system to accept comments. Please follow the instructions below to provide written comments:

Go to the CEC's [website](http://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/): (<http://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/>).

Click "Comment on a Proceeding" in the Additional Information box.

Type "20-LITHIUM-01" in the Select a Proceeding field.

Click "Continue" to Add a Comment. Commenters are required to input their full name, email address, and comment title.

Comment title should be "Jane Doe or Company Name Comment re: Lithium Valley Commission Meeting."

Type comments into the "Comment Text" field or upload a document with comments. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®.

Enter the CAPTCHA that is used to prevent spamming on the website. Then click on "Agree and Submit your Comments."

2. Email comments (include the docket number 20-LITHIUM-01 and Lithium Valley Commission Meeting in the subject line) to the [Docket Unit](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov) (docket@energy.ca.gov).

A paper copy may be sent to:
California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 20-LITHIUM-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Please note that there will be a significant delay in the Lithium Valley Commission receiving the comments submitted via paper due to very limited staff access to physical mail during the current COVID-19 restrictions. For that reason, the CEC encourages submission of any comments via e-filing or email.

Public Advisor and Other CEC Contacts

The CEC's Public Advisor's Office provides the public with assistance in participating in CEC proceedings. For information on participation or to request interpreting services or reasonable accommodations reach out via email at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, by phone at (916) 654-4489, or toll free at (800) 822-6228. Requests for interpreting services and reasonable accommodations should be made at least five days in advance. The CEC will work diligently to accommodate all requests.

Direct media inquiries to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Direct questions about the Lithium Valley Commission meeting to Elisabeth de Jong at LithiumValleyCommission@energy.ca.gov and/or at (916) 776-7965.

Availability of Documents

[Documents and presentations](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01) for this meeting will be available online at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01>, as well as the CEC's [Lithium Valley Commission webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley) found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the Lithium Valley Commission list serve. To receive these notices, subscribe on the Lithium Valley

Commission [webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley>. Manage existing list serves or sign up for others at [CEC List Servers](https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index cms.html), <https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index cms.html>.

Dated: February 12, 2021, at Sacramento, California

Approved by:

David Hochschild
Chair

and

Karen Douglas
Commissioner

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