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**Lithium Valley Commission  
Meeting Action Minutes - February 25, 2021**

The Lithium Valley Commission (LVC) meeting was called to order on February 25, 2021, at 1:00 PM by California Energy Commission (CEC) Project Manager Elisabeth de Jong.

**Attendance: LVC Commissioners**

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

Members not in attendance

- Arthur Lopez

Commission vacancies

- Senate Committee on Rules Commission Seat.

**Presentations**

- CEC staff provided presentations and facilitated Commission discussion on AB 1657 and California Lithium Recovery and Importance
- An attorney from the CEC’s Chief Council’s Office provided training on the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and Public Records Act. Materials supporting this training have been made publicly available through the docket associated with the Lithium Valley Commission activities: [TN # 236892](#)

**Voting Items**

**1. Chair Election**

*Luis Olmedo moved to elect a Chair for the Lithium Valley Commission, and Frank Ruiz seconded. The vote passes by a majority vote to nominate and elect a Chair.*

- Record of Votes:
  - Rod Colwell - Yes
  - Roderic Dolega - Yes
  - Miranda Flores - Yes
  - Martha Guzman Aceves - Yes
  - James C. Hanks - Yes
  - Ryan E. Kelley - Yes
  - Luis Olmedo - Yes
  - Silvia Paz - Yes
  - Frank Ruiz - Yes
  - Manfred Scott - Yes
  - Thomas Soto - not present
  - Jonathan Weisgall - Yes

*Silvia Paz was nominated by Luis Olmedo, seconded by Martha Guzman-Aceves. Ryan Kelley was nominated by Rod Colwell, seconded by Frank Ruiz. The vote passes by a majority vote to elect Silvia Paz as Chair of the Lithium Valley Commission.*

- Record of Votes:
  - Rod Colwell - Kelley
  - Roderic Dolega - Abstain
  - Miranda Flores - Paz
  - Martha Guzman Aceves - Paz
  - James C. Hanks - Kelley
  - Ryan E. Kelley - Kelley
  - Luis Olmedo - Paz
  - Silvia Paz - Paz
  - Frank Ruiz - Kelley
  - Manfred Scott - Paz
  - Thomas Soto - not present
  - Jonathan Weisgall - Paz

## **2. Frequency of Meetings**

*Ryan Kelley moved to hold monthly reoccurring meetings and Rod Colwell seconded. The vote passes with majority votes.*

- Record of Votes:
  - Rod Colwell - Yes
  - Roderic Dolega - Yes
  - Miranda Flores - Yes
  - Martha Guzman Aceves - Yes
  - James C. Hanks - Yes
  - Ryan E. Kelley - Yes
  - Luis Olmedo - Yes
  - Silvia Paz - Yes
  - Frank Ruiz - Yes
  - Manfred Scott - Yes
  - Thomas Soto - not present
  - Jonathan Weisgall - Yes

## Next Steps and Closing Comments

- The Commissioners deferred the agenda items identified below to a subsequent meeting.
  - Charter, Proposed Agenda Topics for Future Meetings, Potential Guest Speakers and presentations of Interest
- Next meeting to be held in March 2021

## Items of Interest and Resources Referenced During the Meeting

- Items e-filed to the [Lithium Valley Commission Docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01) can be found here: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-LITHIUM-01>
- Resources provided by attendees:
  - [DOE-funded report](#)
  - [Crisis at the Salton Sea](#)
  - Presidential Executive Order [Fact Sheet](#) and [Text](#)
  - California Lithium Economy Act: [AB 1397](#)