



Lithium Valley Commission Community Forum

**November 17, 2021
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Notice of Community Forum

The Lithium Valley Commission will host a community forum on Tuesday, November 17, 2021, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with Spanish and Purépecha interpretation available. This community forum is being held to provide an overview about and introduction to the Lithium Valley Commission and the concept of the Lithium Valley and seeks to engage the community directly and encourage public participation in the efforts of the Lithium Valley Commission.

The community forum will be conducted as a remote meeting, consistent with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) to improve and enhance public access to state agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options. Four physical locations have been arranged to support community access to the remote forum. The public can participate in the forum using the remote attendance instructions provided below or attend the in-person locations where access to the remote forum will be provided.

Physical Locations

The following locations are being made available for in-person attendance. Group access to the remote forum will be provided at each of these locations and Spanish and Purépecha interpretation services will be provided. Lithium Valley Commissioners may or may not be present at the in-person locations:

Imperial County Administration Center
940 West Main Street, 2nd Floor
Conference Rooms C and D
El Centro, CA 92243

North Shore Beach and Yacht Club
99155 Sea View Drive
Mecca, CA 92254

The City of Coachella Corporate Yard
53-462 Enterprise Way
Coachella, CA 92236

Calipatria Community Center is
located at Rademacher Park
150 North Park Ave
Calipatria, Ca 92233

Remote Attendance Instructions

The forum may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or going to [Zoom](https://join.zoom.us), <https://join.zoom.us>, and entering the ID and password listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, you may contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 661-8130 or (916) 957-7910.

Link to [Meeting](#):

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/93655457881?pwd=RTF3TlpaTmJQU09PRG5rM1I1ZTdJUT09>

Meeting ID: 936 5545 7881

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: **936 5545 7881**. To comment, dial *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

Zoom's closed captioning service in English will be enabled for the forum. Attendees can enable the service by clicking on the "live transcript" icon and then choosing either "show subtitle" or "view full transcript." The closed captioning service can be stopped by exiting out of the "live transcript" or selecting the "hide subtitle" icon. A transcript of the forum rendered by a professional court reporter will be filed into the docket system and posted on the webpage similar to other CEC meetings.

Community Forum Agenda

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Introduction of Lithium Valley Commissioners
- Lithium Valley Presentations and Conversations
 - Lithium Valley Commission Overview
 - Lithium Recovery from Geothermal Brine
 - Potential Regional and Community Benefits and Impacts
- Question & Answer Discussion with Lithium Valley Commissioners
- Public Comment Period
- Closing Remarks

Background

Lithium is a critical resource to enable the transition to a clean energy economy. It is a crucial component of the batteries needed for electric vehicles and grid electricity storage. Demand of lithium is projected to increase significantly in the next decade,

driven by increasing global need for batteries. Today, 95 percent of all lithium is produced in just four countries: Australia, Chile, China, and Argentina. The lithium resource in Imperial County, if extracted from geothermal brine, could generate a substantial in-state supply of lithium with the potential to meet more than one-third of global lithium demand (U.S. Geological Survey, 2020).

Assembly Bill 1657 (AB 1657) (Garcia, Chapter 271, Statutes of 2020) authorized the CEC to convene a Blue-Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California, referred to as the Lithium Valley Commission. The Lithium Valley Commission is charged with reviewing, investigating, and analyzing certain issues and potential incentives, as detailed in the statute, regarding lithium extraction and use in California. 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. More information about the Lithium Valley Commission can be found on the CEC's [Lithium Valley Commission webpage](http://www.energy.ca.gov/LithiumValleyCommission) at www.energy.ca.gov/LithiumValleyCommission.

The Lithium Valley Commission holds regular public meetings. Meeting information including upcoming meetings, and recordings of past meetings can be found on the Lithium Valley Commission [Meetings, Notices, and Documents webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley/lithium) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/california-power-generation-and-power-sources/geothermal-energy/lithium-valley/lithium>. Material translated into Spanish can also be found on the webpage.

CEC commissioners may attend and participate in the Lithium Valley Commission Community Forum, but no votes by them will be taken.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The Lithium Valley Commission will accept oral questions and comments on the presentations during the Question & Answer Discussion and Public Comment Period, as well as general comments about any topic relevant to the Lithium Valley Commission. The Lithium Valley Commissioners seek to facilitate a meaningful discussion with the community during the Question & Answer Discussion. However, depending on the number of individuals wishing to participate in the discussion, questions and comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker, one comment per person, 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. The CEC's Public Advisor, who provides the public assistance in participating in Lithium Valley Commission meetings, may upon the request of public participants neutrally and publicly relate those participants' points to the Lithium Valley Commission on behalf of members of the public. If you are interested in this service, please email concise comments, specifying your main points to the

Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov. Comments submitted after the meeting starts will be filed in the Lithium Valley Commission docket. The Public Advisor will work diligently to accommodate all requests.

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 four options:

1. Submit comments to the CEC's Docket 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 [E-Filing webpage](http://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/) at (<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 formatted as "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 at \(docket@energy.ca.gov\)](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).
3. Email concise comments, specifying your main points, to the Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov. The Public Advisor will read the comments during the meeting on behalf of the member of the public.
4. A paper copy may be sent to:
California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 20-LITHIUM-01

715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Please note that there may be a significant delay in the Lithium Valley Commission receiving the comments submitted via paper copy 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 provides the public with assistance in participating in Lithium Valley Commission meetings and other CEC proceedings. For information about how to participate in this meeting or to request interpreting services or other reasonable modification and accommodations, reach out via email at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 957-7910. Requests should be made for interpreting services, reasonable modifications and accommodations as soon as possible but at least five days in advance. However, the CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on the availability of the service or resource requested.

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 or at (916) 957-7912.

Availability of Documents

[Documents and presentations](#) 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](#) 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 server. 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>. Manage existing list servers or sign up for others at [CEC List Servers](#), at https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html.

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- Lithium Valley Commission

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