

**AB 617 Community Air Protection Program
North-End Community: Brawley-Westmorland-Calipatria
Steering Committee Meeting Agenda**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

(Being Held in ICAPCD Office at 150 S 9th St, El Centro CA 92243)

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, April 20, 2026

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Members of the public may connect to this meeting on Zoom from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device by clicking the following link to join:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84815587566?pwd=D8X2afQgDHD8GxaJJalHLbrrKtBxB.1>

WEBINAR ID: 848 1558 7566

Passcode: 655225

To join by telephone, please dial: +1-253-205-0468 and enter the Webinar ID: 848 1558 7566 and Passcode: 655225. For more information, visit www.icab617community.org.

WELCOME

- 1. ROLL CALL/OPENING REMARKS BY CSC MEMBERS** **CSC**

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** **CSC**
Comments are to be limited to no more than 3 minutes per person.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **CSC**
Review and approval of the Minutes March 16, 2026 CSC Meeting.
(Attachment: [March 16, 2026 Minutes](#))

- 4. PRESENTATIONS:**
 - A. Lithium Valley** **LOS AMIGOS DE LA COMUNIDAD, INC.**
Los Amigos de la Comunidad will present an overview of the Lithium Valley Specific Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report.
(Attachment: [Lithium Valley](#))

- 5. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Urban Greening Guidelines** **ICAPCD**
ICAPCD Staff will present a comparison chart between the ICAPCD Urban Greening Project Plan and the 2024 CAP Community Greening and Vegetative Barriers Guidelines. The Community Steering Committee will be asked to vote on which Guidelines they would like to apply to their Urban Greening Project Request for Proposal.
(Attachment: [Urban Greening Guidelines](#))

 - B. Urban Greening Request for Proposal** **ICAPCD**
ICAPCD Staff will present the draft Urban Greening Request for Proposal (RFP). The Community Steering Committee will be asked to vote on the RFP for approval.
(Attachment: [Urban Greening Request for Proposal](#))

**AB 617 Community Air Protection Program
North-End Community: Brawley-Westmorland-Calipatria
Steering Committee Meeting Agenda**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

(Being Held in ICAPCD Office at 150 S 9th St, El Centro CA 92243)

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| C. CAMP Extension Proposal | ICAPCD |
| ICAPCD Staff will present three proposals regarding the data collection time of the community sensors under the Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP).
(Attachment: CAMP Extension Proposal) | |
|
 | |
| 6. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS | |
| A. Imperial County AB 617 North-End Community Open Discussion | CSC |
|
 | |
| 7. AGENCY UPDATES | CSC |
|
 | |
| 8. AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING | CSC |
| Discuss the next CSC meeting for May 18, 2026 at the Westmorland Youth Hall (210 W 2 nd Street, Westmorland, CA 92281). | |
|
 | |
| 9. CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURNMENT | CSC |

**AB 617 Programa de Protección del Aire Comunitario
Comunidad Norte: Brawley-Westmorland-Calipatria
Agenda De La Reunión Del Comité Directivo**

Reunión en línea vía Zoom

(Se llevará a cabo en la oficina de ICAPCD en 150 S 9th St, El Centro CA 92243)

AGENDA DE LA REUNIÓN

Lunes, 20 de abril, 2026

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Los miembros del público pueden conectarse a esta reunión en Zoom desde una PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone o dispositivo Android haciendo clic en el siguiente enlace para unirse:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84815587566?pwd=D8X2afQgDHD8GxaJJalHLbrrKtBxB.1>

ID de la reunión: 848 1558 7566

Código de acceso: 655225

Para unirse por teléfono, marque: +1-253-205-0468 e ingrese ID de la reunión: 848 1558 7566 y el código de acceso: 655225. Para obtener más información, visite www.icab617community.org.

BIENVENIDO

- 1. PASO DE LISTA / PALABRAS DE APERTURA DE LOS MIEMBROS DEL CSC** **CSC**
- 2. PERIODO DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS** **CSC**
Los comentarios deben limitarse a no más de 3 minutos por persona.
- 3. APROBACIÓN DE ACTAS** **CSC**
Revisión y aprobación del Acta de la Reunión del CSC del 16 de marzo de 2026.
(Adjunto: [Actas del 16 de marzo de 2026](#))
- 4. PRESENTACIONES:**
 - A. Lithium Valley** **LOS AMIGOS DE LA COMUNIDAD, INC.**
Los Amigos de la Comunidad presentarán una visión general del Plan Específico y el Informe de Impacto Ambiental del Programa del Valle del Litio.
(Adjunto: [Lithium Valley](#))
- 5. ARTÍCULOS DE ACCIÓN:**
 - A. Lineamientos de Enverdecimiento urbano** **ICAPCD**
El personal de ICAPCD presentará una tabla comparativa entre el Plan del Proyecto de Enverdecimiento Urbano de ICAPCD y las Directrices de Enverdecimiento Comunitaria y Barreras Vegetativas de la CAP 2024. Se pedirá al Comité Directivo Comunitario que vote qué Directrices desea aplicar a su Solicitud de Propuesta de Proyecto de Verde Urbano.
(Adjunto: [Lineamientos de Enverdecimiento Urbano](#))
 - B. Solicitud de propuesta para la Enverdecimiento Urbano** **ICAPCD**
El personal de ICAPCD presentará el borrador de la Solicitud de Propuesta de Enverdecimiento Urbano. Se pedirá al Comité Directivo Comunitario que vote la Solicitud de Propuesta para su aprobación.
(Adjunto: [Solicitud de propuesta para la Enverdecimiento Urbano](#))

**AB 617 Programa de Protección del Aire Comunitario
Comunidad Norte: Brawley-Westmorland-Calipatria
Agenda De La Reunión Del Comité Directivo**

Reunión en línea vía Zoom

(Se llevará a cabo en la oficina de ICAPCD en 150 S 9th St, El Centro CA 92243)

- | | |
|--|---------------|
| C. Propuesta de Ampliación de CAMP | ICAPCD |
| El personal de ICAPCD presentará tres propuestas respecto al tiempo de recogida de datos de los sensores comunitarios bajo el Plan de Monitoreo del Aire Comunitario (CAMP). | |
| <i>(Adjunto: Propuesta de Ampliación de CAMP)</i> | |
| 6. ARTÍCULOS DE DISCUSIÓN/INFORMACIÓN | |
| A. Discusión abierta sobre la comunidad Norte AB 617 del condado de Imperial | CSC |
| 7. ACTUALIZACIONES DE LA AGENCIA | CSC |
| 8. TEMAS DEL AGENDA PARA LA PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN | CSC |
| Discutir la próxima reunión del CSC el 18 de mayo de 2026 en el Westmorland Youth Hall (210 W 2nd Street, Westmorland, CA 92281). | |
| 9. OBSERVACIONES DE CLAUSURA/CIERRE DE CLAUSURA | CSC |

**3. Minutes:
March 16, 2026**

**AB 617 Community Air Protection Program
Minutes of the North-End Steering Committee Meeting
Brawley, California
March 16th, 2026**

Facilitator: Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

I. Assistance:

Primaries: **Eric Reyes**, Community Corridor; **John Grass**, Community Corridor; **Vincent Cuevas**, Community Corridor; **David Aguirre**, Community Corridor; **Hector Cervantes**, Community Corridor; **Sergio Cabañas**, Community Corridor; **Mario Lopez**, Community Corridor; **Sergio Valenzuela**, Community Corridor; **Ana Maria Beltran**, Community Corridor.

Alternates: **Gustavo Gomez**, Community Corridor; **Yolanda Lopez**, Community Corridor; **Jose Landeros**, Community Corridor.

Other Agency Staff: **Belen Leon-Lopez**, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District; **Ismael Garcia**, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District; **Adriana Carrillo**, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District; **Abigail Arballo**, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District; **Malinda Dumisani**, California Air Resources Board; **Patrick Brecht**, California Air Resources Board.

I. Opening Remarks.

John Grass welcomed attendees and outlined the diverse ways the public could view the meeting. She explained how participants could access the agenda packet and submit comments for the discussion. He provided instructions on how to use the translation services. He explained the consent guidelines and confirmed they reached a quorum.

Vincent Cuevas observed that Las Vegas demonstrated stronger dust mitigation measures compared to their county, which nonetheless experienced limited real estate growth. He further noted that areas within national parks were being paved.

II. Public Comment Period

Isabel Solis made an inaudible comment.

III. Approval of Minutes.

Ana Maria Beltran motioned to approve the minutes of the January 26th and February 23rd meetings.

David Aguirre seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

IV. Presentations

EPA New River Project, Jose Landeros; SCS Engineers.

Sergio Cabañas asked if the two Calexico locations were newly established.

Jose Landeros clarified that the Antunez location was not new but noted that the distinction was the inclusion of NO₂ monitoring.

An attendee asked about the rationale for not conducting monitoring at the point where the New River flows into the Salton Sea.

Jose Landeros explained that the matter would fall under a different project and noted that IID already had sensors in the area.

An attendee asked if the monitors in the vacant courthouse were still there.

Jose Landeros confirmed QuantAQ monitors were still there.

Belen Leon-Lopez clarified that the courthouse monitors were regulatory, whereas the ones under discussion were low-cost community monitors. Regarding the New River question, she explained that the initial project was conducted with an AB 617 grant, while the current version was funded through an EPA grant with the objective of monitoring a different location prior to reaching the Salton Sea area. She noted that the grant has a two-year duration and indicated plans to submit another proposal to continue monitoring the area in the future.

John Grass asked what would be done with the data following the two-year monitoring period.

Belen Leon-Lopez said they were currently collecting data.

Eric Reyes asked why PM10 was not being monitored.

Jose Landeros clarified that the project focused specifically on PM2.5, though the sensor also had the capability to measure PM10.

Belen Leon-Lopez stated that PM10 was already being monitored through regulatory monitors. She added that, if committee members agreed, they could also include additional monitoring.

Eric Reyes commented that numerous monitoring programs existed in the area but did not consolidate their information. He emphasized the need for better coordination among the programs and clearer communication regarding the different types of air monitors in use and suggested holding another workshop.

Vincent Cuevas inquired whether there is any cancer studies associated with the New River.

Eric Reyes stated that several surveys had been conducted in the past and emphasized the difficulty of establishing evidence for a cancer cluster in a specific area.

CERP and Grant Project Process Review, Adriana Carrillo; ICAPCD.

An attendee inquired whether the exposure reduction targets and amounts could be subject to negotiation.

Adriana Carrillo explained that the decision had been made during the initial stages of the CERP and clarified that it is a living document that can be modified if necessary.

Mario Lopez clarified that the targets represented minimum required amounts.

Vincent Cuevas asked who the intended applicants were for the strategies.

Adriana Carrillo mentioned that applicants could range from schools to municipalities, including residents and other agencies.

Vincent Cuevas asked where the bidding process would take place.

An attendee responded that the bidding process would be conducted with the CSC.

John Grass asked whether there was a plan to measure the impacts before and after for household filters, duct cleaning, and residential yard dust emissions.

Adriana Carrillo stated that efforts were underway to track and quantify the impacts.

Eric Reyes explained that the approach would rely on the scientific basis of air filtration rather than measuring the specific before-and-after impacts in each household where the systems are installed.

Belen Leon-Lopez stated that CARB needed to approve the CERP. She noted that they were the only AB 617 committee to include the duct cleaning strategy, which required Chapter 6 approval and incorporated studies of improvements.

An attendee commented that the strategies were not being assessed and that reliance was placed on the findings of existing studies.

Belen Leon-Lopez clarified that this applied primarily to the air filtration systems.

Adriana Carrillo added that there are both quantitative and qualitative benefits, noting that air purifiers would be considered a qualitative benefit.

An attendee inquired whether the projects would be income qualified.

Adriana Carrillo noted that disadvantaged and low-income communities were given priority.

Belen Leon-Lopez stated that the corridor met the criteria. She added that participation would be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mario Lopez stated that the air filtration systems would benefit elderly residents. He also noted that air ducts are not commonly cleaned, so the strategy would provide broad benefits.

An attendee requested clarification on the school flag program.

Adriana Carrillo mentioned that the flag program has evolved into a marquee initiative. She noted it was designed to inform students and parents of the day's air quality.

An attendee inquired whether schools had state requirements to address air quality issues in classrooms.

An attendee noted that schools had such requirements during COVID but no longer do. She added that they remain indoors whenever air quality is designated as red.

Belen Leon-Lopez stated that the flag program was not a requirement. She added that alerts were issued by the public health department, not APCD.

V. Discussion / Information Items

Imperial County AB 617 North-End Corridor Open Discussion, ICAPCD.

Mario Lopez expressed appreciation for everyone's hard work over the past two years.

Eric Reyes stated that having **Sergio Cabañas** was very valuable, given his experience in the southern committee, which contributed to their efforts to move forward more quickly.

Vincent Cuevas suggested contacting **Rod Caldwell** of Thermal Resources at South Salton Sea regarding geothermal wells, noting it was a significant concern.

Sergio Cabañas noted that he had worked in the geothermal industry for 40 years and confirmed that geothermal plants are often blamed for seismic activity. He stated that all geothermal facilities in the valley are required to submit an annual seismic activity report to the county and regulatory agencies. He added that geothermal wells are well-studied. Regarding the wells mentioned by **Vincent Cuevas** at the Salton Sea, he clarified that those were operated by his employer.

Vincent Cuevas expressed interest in learning more about their future plans.

Sergio Cabañas stated that the plans involved securing funds to build six power plants.

John Grass said the Lithium Valley topic would be an interesting one for a future meeting.

Eric Reyes agreed to present the topic in a future meeting.

David Aguirre asked about the next tier of projects and what steps would follow.

Adriana Carrillo clarified that the next steps after Funding Agreements are approved would involve monitoring the projects until completion. The CSC's approval of the Urban Greening RFP would be the next steps to forward with the CERP.

John Grass announced that the next meeting would be held on April 20th via Zoom.

Sergio Cabañas thanked all committee members who attended the Heber ceremony two weeks earlier.

VI. Agency Updates

Patrick announced that the Community Air Protection Consultation meeting would be held on March 25th and that he would share information via the chat.

VII. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting.

There was no discussion on this item.

VIII. Final Observations / Closing

An attendee thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned.

Programa Comunitario de Protección Atmosférica Bajo el Auspicio del Proyecto de Ley AB 617
Minuta de la Reunión del Comité Directivo
Brawley, California
16 de Marzo del 2026

Facilitador: Distrito de Control de la Contaminación del Aire del Condado de Imperial

I. Asistencia:

Titulares: **Eric Reyes**, Corredor Comunitario; **John Grass**, Corredor Comunitario; **Vincent Cuevas**, Corredor Comunitario; **David Aguirre**, Corredor Comunitario; **Héctor Cervantes**, Corredor Comunitario; **Sergio Cabañas**, Corredor Comunitario; **Mario López**, Corredor Comunitario; **Sergio Valenzuela**, Corredor Comunitario; **Ana Maria Beltran**, Corredor Comunitario.

Suplentes: **Gustavo Gomez**, Corredor Comunitario; **Yolanda Lopez**, Corredor Comunitario; **Jose Landeros**, Corredor Comunitario.

Otro personal de la agencia: **Belén León-López**, Distrito de Control de la Contaminación del Aire del Condado de Imperial; **Ismael Garcia**, Distrito de Control de la Contaminación del Aire del Condado de Imperial; **Adriana Carrillo**, Distrito de Control de la Contaminación del Aire del Condado de Imperial; **Abigail Arballo**, Distrito de Control de la Contaminación del Aire del Condado de Imperial; **Malinda Dumisani**, Junta de Recursos del Aire de California; **Patrick Brecht**, Junta de Recursos del Aire de California.

I. Comentarios Iniciales

John Grass dio la bienvenida a los participantes y explicó las distintas formas en que el público podía seguir la reunión. Indicó cómo acceder al programa y enviar comentarios para el debate. Proporcionó instrucciones sobre cómo utilizar los servicios de traducción. Explicó las directrices de consentimiento y confirmó que se había alcanzado el quórum.

Vincent Cuevas observó que Las Vegas demostraba medidas de mitigación del polvo más eficaces que su condado, que, sin embargo, experimentó un crecimiento inmobiliario limitado. Asimismo, señaló que se estaban pavimentando áreas dentro de los parques nacionales.

II. Comentarios Públicos

Isabel Solís hizo un comentario inaudible.

III. Aprobación de Minutas

Ana María Beltrán propuso aprobar las minutas de las reuniones del 26 de enero y del 23 de febrero.

David Aguirre secundó la moción.

La moción fue aprobada.

IV. Presentaciones

Proyecto New River de la EPA, José Landeros; SCS Engineers.

Sergio Cabañas preguntó si las dos ubicaciones de Calexico eran de reciente creación.

José Landeros aclaró que la ubicación de Antúnez no era nueva, pero señaló que la diferencia radicaba en la inclusión del monitoreo de NO₂.

Un participante preguntó por qué no se realizaba el monitoreo en el punto donde el río New River desemboca en el mar de Salton.

José Landeros explicó que ese asunto correspondería a otro proyecto y señaló que IID ya contaba con sensores en la zona.

Un participante preguntó si los monitores del antiguo juzgado seguían allí.

José Landeros confirmó que los monitores QuantAQ seguían allí.

Belén León-López aclaró que los monitores del juzgado eran de cumplimiento normativo, mientras que los que se estaban discutiendo eran monitores comunitarios de bajo costo. Respecto a la pregunta sobre el río New River, explicó que el proyecto inicial se llevó a cabo con una subvención AB 617, mientras que la versión actual se financió mediante una subvención de la EPA con el objetivo de monitorear una ubicación diferente antes de llegar a la zona del mar de Salton. Ella señaló que la subvención tiene una duración de dos años e indicó que planean presentar otra propuesta para continuar monitoreando el área en el futuro.

John Grass preguntó qué se haría con los datos después del período de monitoreo de dos años.

Belén León-López respondió que actualmente estaban recopilando datos.

Eric Reyes preguntó por qué no se monitoreaba el PM10.

José Landeros aclaró que el proyecto se enfocaba específicamente en PM2.5, aunque el sensor también tenía la capacidad de medir PM10.

Belén León-López afirmó que el PM10 ya se monitoreaba a través de los organismos reguladores. Añadió que, si los miembros del comité estaban de acuerdo, también podrían incluir monitoreo adicional.

Eric Reyes comentó que existían numerosos programas de monitoreo en el área, pero que no consolidaban su información. Enfatizó la necesidad de una mejor coordinación entre los programas y una comunicación más clara sobre los diferentes tipos de monitores de calidad del aire en uso, y sugirió realizar otro taller.

Vincent Cuevas preguntó si existían estudios sobre cáncer relacionados con el río New River.

Eric Reyes afirmó que se habían realizado varias encuestas en el pasado y recaló la dificultad de establecer pruebas de la existencia de un grupo de casos de cáncer en un área específica.

Revisión del Proceso del CERP y de los Proyectos de Subvención, Adriana Carrillo; ICAPCD.

Un participante preguntó si los objetivos y montos de reducción de la exposición podrían ser objeto de negociación.

Adriana Carrillo explicó que la decisión se tomó durante las etapas iniciales del CERP y aclaró que se trata de un documento dinámico que puede modificarse si es necesario

Mario López aclaró que los objetivos representaban los montos mínimos requeridos.

Vincent Cuevas preguntó quiénes eran los solicitantes previstos para las estrategias.

Adriana Carrillo mencionó que los solicitantes podrían ser desde escuelas hasta municipios, incluyendo residentes y otras agencias.

Vincent Cuevas preguntó dónde se llevaría a cabo el proceso de licitación.

Un participante respondió que el proceso de licitación se realizaría con CSC.

John Grass preguntó si existía un plan para medir los impactos antes y después de la instalación de filtros domésticos, la limpieza de conductos y las emisiones de polvo en patios residenciales.

Adriana Carrillo afirmó que se estaban realizando esfuerzos para monitorear y cuantificar los impactos.

Eric Reyes explicó que el enfoque se basaría en los fundamentos científicos de la filtración de aire, en lugar de medir los impactos específicos antes y después en cada hogar donde se instalen los sistemas.

Belén León-López afirmó que la Junta de Recursos del Aire de California (CARB) debía aprobar el Programa de Rehabilitación de Conductos de Aire Limpio (CERP). Señaló que eran el único comité de la Ley AB 617 que incluía la estrategia de limpieza de conductos, la cual requería la aprobación del Capítulo 6 e incorporaba estudios de mejoras.

Un participante comentó que las estrategias no se estaban probando y que se confiaba en los resultados de estudios existentes.

Belén León-López aclaró que esto se aplicaba principalmente a los sistemas de filtración de aire.

Adriana Carrillo agregó que existen beneficios tanto cuantitativos como cualitativos, y señaló que los purificadores de aire se considerarían un beneficio cualitativo.

Un participante preguntó si los proyectos estarían sujetos a criterios de ingresos.

Adriana Carrillo indicó que se daba prioridad a las comunidades desfavorecidas y de bajos ingresos.

Belén León-López afirmó que el corredor cumplía con los criterios. Añadió que la participación se asignaría por orden de llegada.

Mario López afirmó que los sistemas de filtración de aire beneficiarían a los residentes de la tercera edad. También señaló que los conductos de aire no se limpian habitualmente, por lo que la estrategia proporcionaría amplios beneficios.

Un participante solicitó aclaraciones sobre el programa de banderas escolares.

Adriana Carrillo mencionó que el programa de banderas se ha convertido en una iniciativa clave. Señaló que fue diseñado para informar a estudiantes y padres sobre la calidad del aire del día.

Un participante preguntó si las escuelas tenían requisitos estatales para abordar los problemas de calidad del aire en las aulas.

Otro participante indicó que las escuelas tenían dichos requisitos durante la pandemia de COVID-19, pero que ya no los tienen. Añadió que permanecen en el interior cuando la calidad del aire se clasifica como roja.

Belén León-López afirmó que el programa de banderas no era un requisito. Agregó que las alertas las emitía el departamento de salud pública, no el Departamento de Control de la Contaminación Atmosférica (APCD).

V. Diálogo / Temas Informativos

Discusión Abierta sobre el Corredor Norte AB 617 del Condado Imperial, ICAPCD.

Mario López expresó su agradecimiento por el arduo trabajo de todos durante los últimos dos años.

Eric Reyes afirmó que contar con **Sergio Cabañas** fue muy valioso, dada su experiencia en el comité sur, lo que contribuyó a que avanzaran con mayor rapidez.

Vincent Cuevas sugirió contactar a **Rod Caldwell** de Thermal Resources en South Salton Sea con respecto a los pozos geotérmicos, señalando que era una preocupación importante.

Sergio Cabañas mencionó que había trabajado en la industria geotérmica durante 40 años y confirmó que a menudo se culpa a las plantas geotérmicas de la actividad sísmica. Indicó que todas las instalaciones geotérmicas del valle deben presentar un informe anual de actividad sísmica al condado y a las agencias reguladoras. Añadió que los pozos geotérmicos han sido objeto de numerosos estudios. Respecto a los pozos mencionados por **Vincent Cuevas** en Salton Sea, aclaró que eran operados por su empleador.

Vincent Cuevas expresó interés en conocer más sobre sus planes futuros.

Sergio Cabañas afirmó que los planes incluían la obtención de fondos para construir seis centrales eléctricas.

John Grass comentó que el tema del Valle del Litio sería interesante para una futura reunión.

Eric Reyes aceptó presentar el tema en una reunión futura.

David Aguirre preguntó sobre la siguiente fase de proyectos y los pasos a seguir.

Adriana Carrillo aclaró que los siguientes pasos tras la aprobación de los Acuerdos de Financiación implicarán el seguimiento de los proyectos hasta su finalización. La aprobación por parte del CSC de la RFP de Urbanización Verde sería el siguiente paso para avanzar con el CERP.

John Grass anunció que la próxima reunión se celebraría el 20 de abril por Zoom.

Sergio Cabañas agradeció a todos los miembros del comité que asistieron a la ceremonia de Heber dos semanas antes.

VI. Actualizaciones de las Dependencias

Patrick Brecht anunció que la reunión de consulta comunitaria sobre la protección del aire se celebraría el 25 de marzo y que compartiría información a través del chat.

VII. Temas del Orden del Día y Fecha de la Próxima Reunión.

No hubo discusión sobre este tema.

VIII. Observaciones Finales / Cierre

Un participante agradeció a todos su presencia.

Se levantó la sesión

**4. Presentations:
A. Lithium Valley
(Los Amigos De La
Comunidad, Inc.)**

Lithium Valley Presentation Materials



https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qXUD3_LrdM7FaDkgd5G70OIN4ye9cAKb/view?usp=sharing

LITHIUM VALLEY

AN OVERVIEW OF THE LVSP & PEIR



SB-125 FUNDED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
SUPPORTED BY
IV REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION &
LOS AMIGOS DE LA COMUNIDAD





Photo Courtesy of BHE Renewables

Harvesting Clean Energy in **Harmony with Agriculture**

**SUSTAINABLE LITHIUM
RECOVERED FROM
GEOTHERMAL BRINE**



IMPERIAL COUNTY HAS BEEN PRODUCING GEOTHERMAL ENERGY FOR OVER 40 YEARS!



IMPERIAL COUNTY LITHIUM RECOVERY

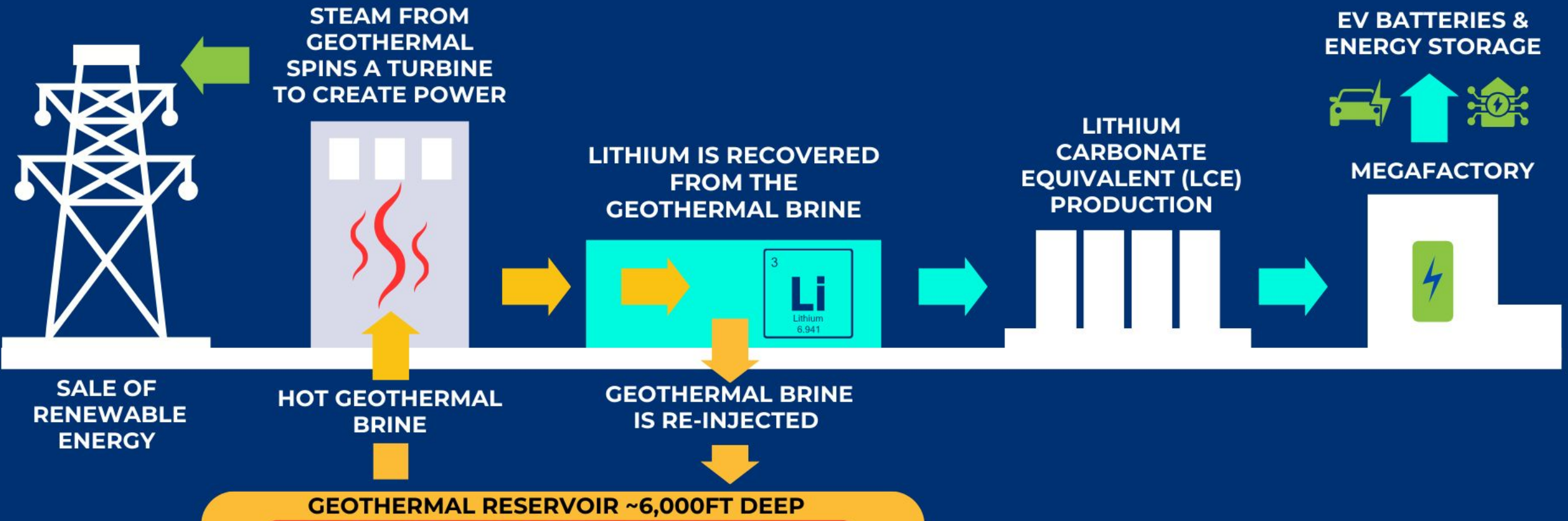
18

MILLION+ METRIC TONS

Potential Lithium (LCE) Available for Sustainable Extraction from Geothermal Brine in Imperial County, CA

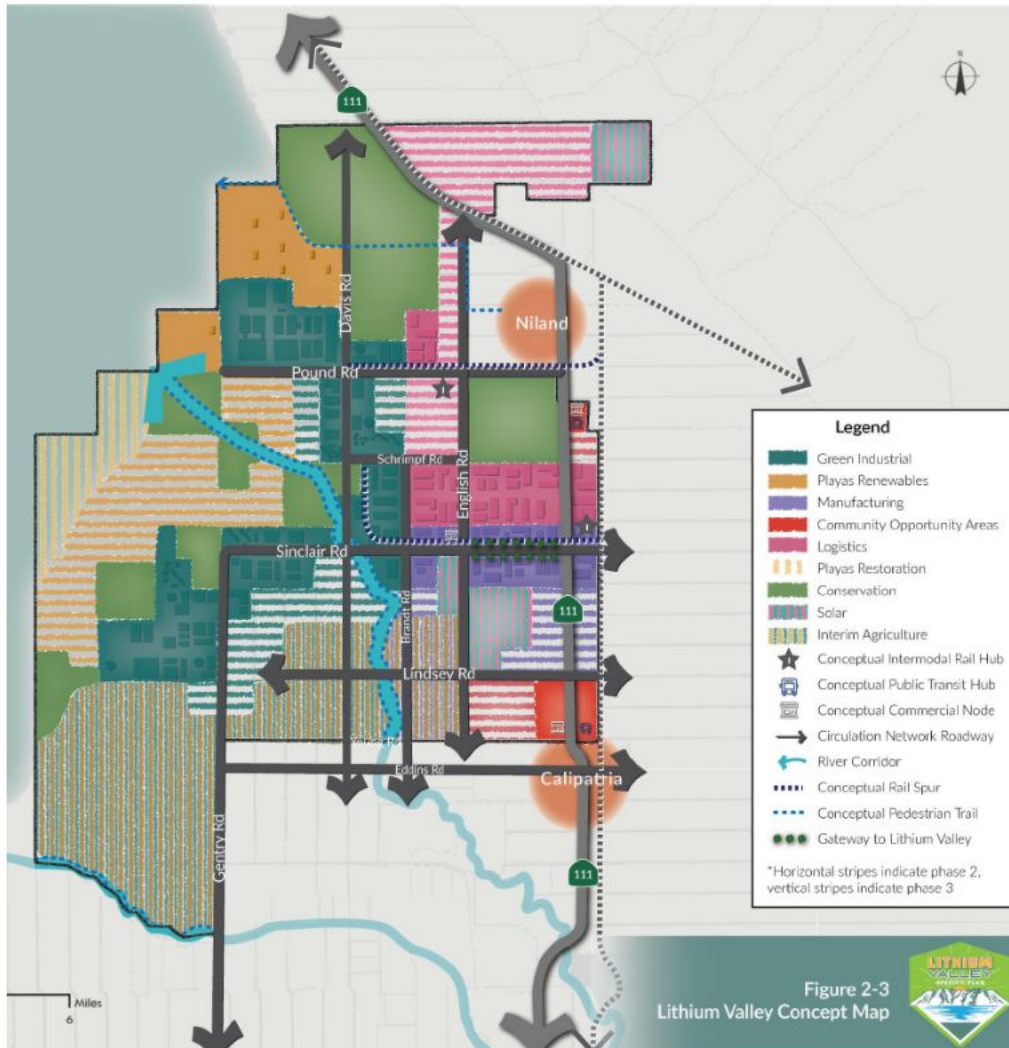


375 million
Energy storage batteries!



VERTICALLY INTEGRATED SUPPLY CHAIN

THE LITHIUM VALLEY VISION



Lithium, Energy, & Manufacturing Ecosystem

RESOURCE | PROCESSING | MANUFACTURING

Lithium Valley is ideal for many businesses including:

- Battery Manufacturing
- Material Processing
- Recycling of Materials/Waste
- Auto Manufacturing
- Renewable Energy
- Community Spaces
- Data Centers
- Hydrogen Production
- Battery Storage
- Business Services
- Logistics, Rail
- + Future Innovation!





DRAFT PEIR - CHAPTER 4 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

CHAPTER 4 - SUBSECTIONS

- 4.1: Aesthetics
- 4.2: Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- 4.3: Air Quality
- 4.4: Biological Resources
- 4.5: Cultural Resources
- 4.6: Energy
- 4.7: Geology and Soils
- 4.8: Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- 4.9: Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- 4.10: Hydrology and Water Quality
- 4.11: Land Use and Planning
- 4.12: Mineral Resources
- 4.13: Noise
- 4.14: Population and Housing
- 4.15: Public Services
- 4.16: Recreation
- 4.17: Transportation
- 4.18: Tribal Cultural Resources
- 4.19: Utilities and Service Systems
- 4.20: Wildfire

EACH SUBSECTION ANALYZES

- Existing Conditions
- Relevant Plans, Policies, and Ordinances
- Thresholds of Significance
- Impacts Analysis
- Cumulative Impacts
- Mitigation Measures
- Level of Significance After Mitigation



LITHIUM VALLEY WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT (WSA)

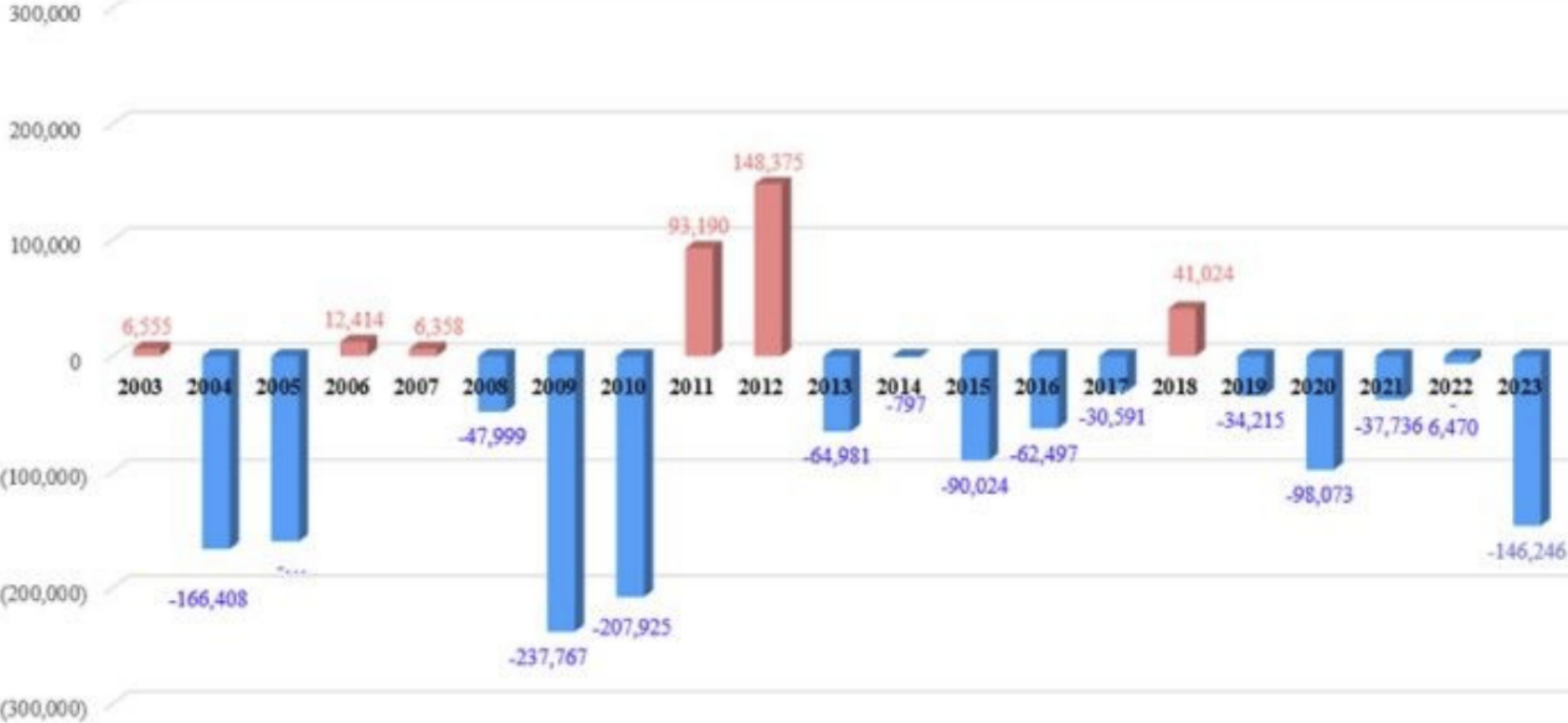
Existing Conditions vs. Lithium Valley Specific Plan Buildout

Scenario	Annual Water Demand (AFY)	Change vs Existing
Existing Conditions	149,000 AFY	—
LVSP Full Buildout (No Biological Mitigation)	77,776 AFY	▼71,224 AFY
LVSP Full Buildout (With Biological Mitigation)	97,496 AFY	▼51,504 AFY

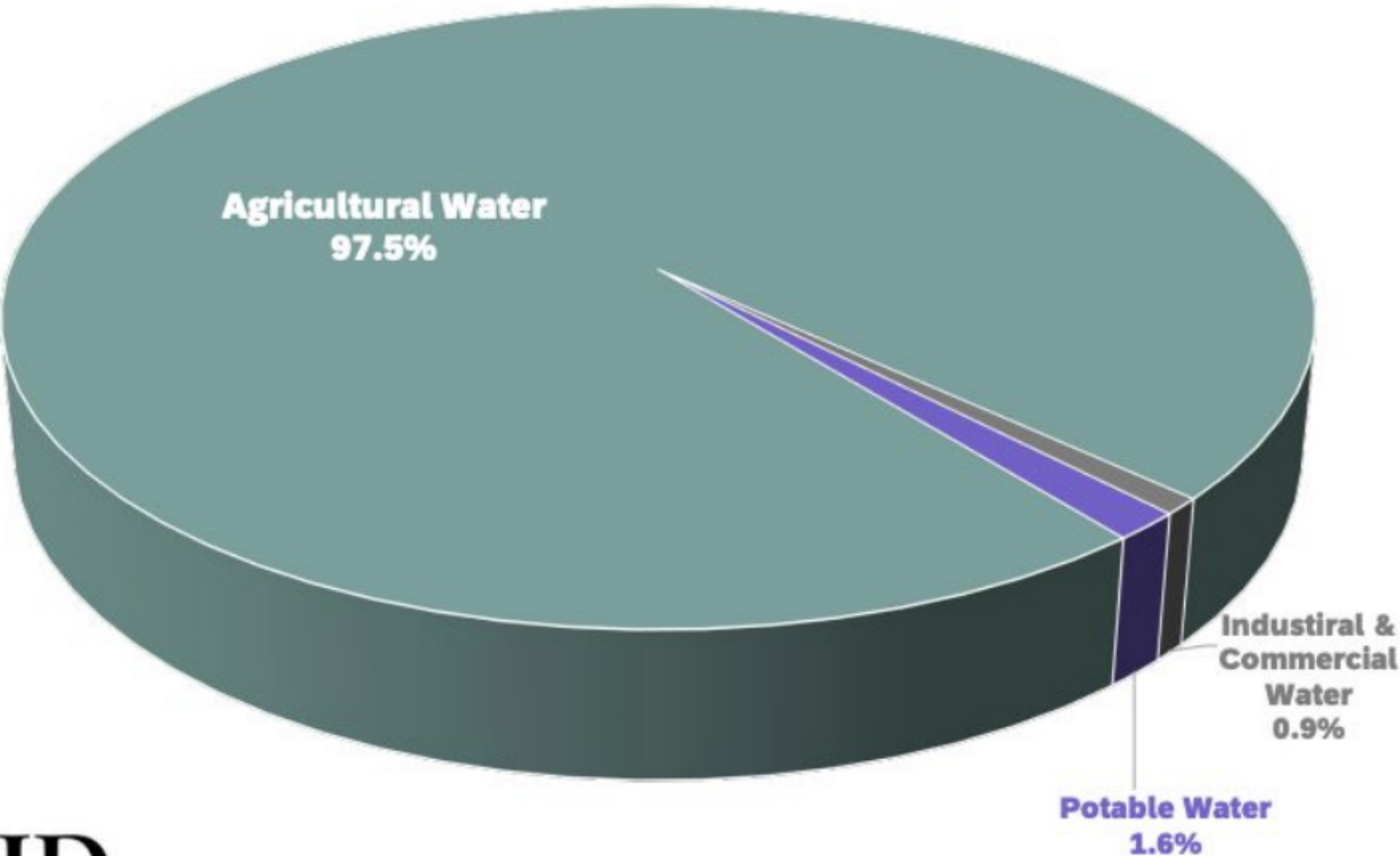
Biological Mitigation Related to Drain Flows and Native Species

- As agricultural return flows decline due to land use change, the WSA acknowledges that some existing return flows support pupfish habitat in irrigation drains
- A conservative assumption for mitigation is replacing up to **~19,720 AFY** of those return flows where pupfish habitat exists, this is represented as a water demand in the “LVSP Full Buildout with Biological Mitigation” figures
- This is the primary water-related environmental mitigation described in the WSA (focused on maintaining habitat in drains from reduced return flows)

IID Overruns vs Underruns (2003-2023)



2025 Water Apportionment Chart





HOW DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS IMPERIAL COUNTY RESIDENTS



**EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES**



**WORKFORCE
OPPORTUNITIES**

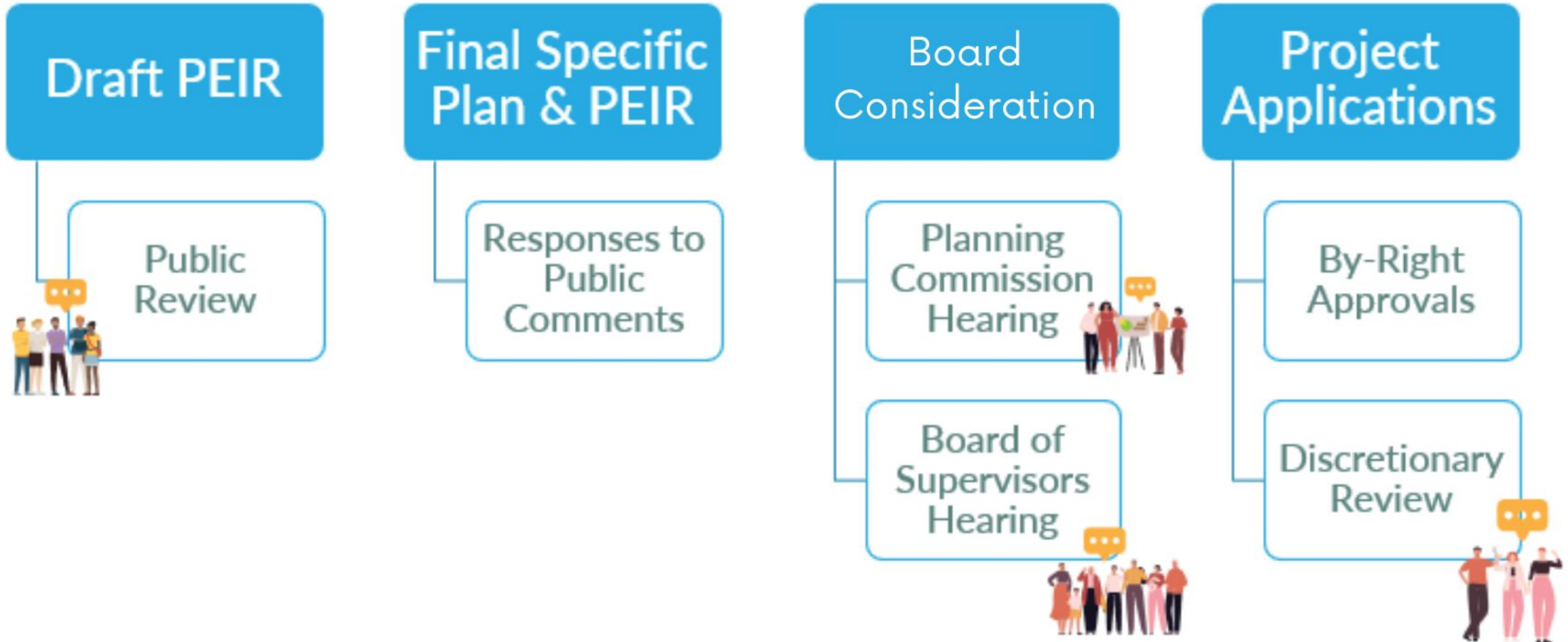


**IMPROVED
& EXPANDED
INFRASTRUCTURE**



**TAXES
WILL BENEFIT
OUR COMMUNITY**

REMAINING TIMELINE



LVSP & PEIR Draft Document Review

Public Comment: December 30, 2025 - April 17, 2026

Documents for Public Review

[December 2025 Lithium Valley Specific Plan →](#)

[Draft Lithium Valley Specific Plan Program Environmental Impact Report Combined →](#)

- Notice of Availability
- Appendix A-1 December 2025 Lithium Valley Specific Plan
- Appendix A-2 General Plan Amendments
- Appendix B-1 NOP Initial Study
- Appendix B-2 NOP Comments
- Appendix C AQ-GHG-HRA Technical Report
- Appendix D Biological Resources Technical Report
- Appendix E Cultural Resources Impact Analysis Report
- Sub Appendix E to Appendix C AQ-GHG-HRA Technical Report
- Appendix F Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) Analysis
- Appendix G Proposed Land Use Designation Hazardous Material Hazardous Waste
- Appendix H Infrastructure Assessment
- Appendix J1 VMT Memo
- Appendix J2 Transportation Report
- Appendix L-1 Water Supply Assessment
- Appendix L-2 IID Canals
- Construction Workforce Ordinance
- Proposed General Plan/Zoning Amendments



**SCAN TO VIEW
DOCUMENTS**

Comments Will be Accepted Until April 17, 2026 at 5PM PST Through the Following Channels:

By Mail:

Imperial County Planning & Development Services
Department
801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243

By Email:

publiccomment@co.imperial.ca.us

All Comments Must be Clearly Identified in the Subject Line As: "LVSP 2025"



STAY CONNECTED WITH LITHIUM VALLEY



LithiumValley.CA



Discover More

www.LithiumValley.CA



Follow Us

@County of Imperial



Follow Us

@ImperialCounty



Follow Us

@LithiumValley.CA

FOR LITHIUM VALLEY OR DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS:  BariBean@co.imperial.ca.us



We Value Your Feedback



Please fill out this online form.

This survey collects feedback on this presentation only.

English



Spanish



Discover More

www.LithiumValley.CA



Follow Us

@County of Imperial



Follow Us

@ImperialCounty



Follow Us

@LithiumValley.CA

FOR LITHIUM VALLEY OR DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS:  BariBean@co.imperial.ca.us

5. Presentations:

A. Urban Greening Guidelines (ICAPCD)

Urban Greening Guidelines

Option 1

ICAPCD Urban Greening Program Project Plan

- Max eligible funding amount = 100%
- Ineligible cost- Routine maintenance & rehabilitation
- Up to 25% of grant request may be budgeted for non-construction cost (design, permitting, direct project admin)
- Up to 10% of grant request may be budgeted for contingency costs

Option 2

2024 CAP Guidelines Ch. 10 Community Greening and Vegetative Barrier

- Max eligible funding amount = 100%
- Potential Eligible Cost- Routine maintenance & rehabilitation (costs accounted for & purchase made after contract execution, prior to project completion)
- Up to 25% of grant request may be budgeted for non-construction cost (permitting, design, direct project admin)
- Up to 10% of grant request may be budgeted for contingency costs

5. Presentations:
**B. Urban Greening Request
for Proposal
(ICAPCD)**

**Imperial County Air Pollution Control District – Request for
Proposals (RFP) for
AB 617 Urban Greening Projects**

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) is accepting proposals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and exposure to particulate matter (PM) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions, through the implementation of Urban Greening and Vegetative Barrier Projects within the Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Corridor of Brawley-Westmorland-Calipatria. Proposals must be in accordance with the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District Project Plan for the Urban Greening Program. Urban Greening grants may be awarded to a city, county, special district, non-profit, tribal government, or public agency or entity for projects to be implemented within the Corridor. Only projects designed for the creation and/or expansion of the new green spaces, such as trees, grass planting, or green barrier projects will be considered with its respective irrigation system.

Participant Eligibility: Applicants must commit to the following criteria in order for projects to be considered for funding:

- *Applicant must be the owner of the potential Urban Greening project area or have authority to construct and maintain the project on the property.*
- *Applicant must maintain the green space during the entire contract period, 10 years. This includes tree maintenance up to and including removal and replacement of dead trees.*
- *Applicant must make the project available for inspection if requested by ICAPCD and/or CARB staff during the entire contract period, 10 years.*
- *Applicant is responsible for contacting Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner's Office before obtaining any plant material originating from outside Imperial County to ensure all the requirements for movement of plant material into Imperial County are met.*
- *Applicant is responsible for ensuring that trees are purchased, planted, and maintained to the specifications provided in Appendix H of CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry Grant Guidelines.*
- *Where feasible, projects shall provide public access.*
- *Applicant must use CARB Urban Greening Benefits Calculator Tool to determine GHG emissions are reduced. Project benefits are calculated over a 40-year period, and applicant must fill out tabs "Project Info," and "Tree Planting – ITP."*
- *Applicants must use three external tools to use the above calculator, as follows:*
 - (1) University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS IV) tool.*
 - (2) California Department of Water Resources Water Budget Workbook.*
 - (3) i-Tree Planting Tool.*
- *All property taxes must be current at the time of application and recipient is responsible for obtaining any permits required to do the project.*
- *Applicant or their sponsor must have financial capacity to complete, operate, and maintain the project.*
- *Any funds required from other sources must reasonably be expected to be available in the timeframe needed to carry out the project.*

Routine maintenance and rehabilitation projects **are not eligible for funding**, and applicants may not claim emission reduction credits from the project during contract period. All proposals are due to the ICAPCD no later than **close of business (5:00pm) on Friday August 28, 2026**. Please submit hard copy of proposal(s) to the following at ICAPCD:

**Abigail Arballo
Administrative Analyst
150 South Ninth Street
El Centro, CA 92243**

Applications, and the ICAPCD Project Plan for Urban Greening Program which includes all Program Requirements, can be found at <https://www.icab617community.org/request-for-proposals>. Please contact Abigail Arballo with any questions regarding this RFP at (442) 265-1800 or abigailarballo@co.imperial.ca.us.

DRAFT

**Imperial County Air Pollution Control District – Request for
Proposals (RFP) for
AB 617 Urban Greening Projects**

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) is accepting proposals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and exposure to particulate matter (PM) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions, through the implementation of Urban Greening and Vegetative Barrier Projects within the Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Corridor of Brawley-Westmorland-Calipatria. Proposals must be in accordance with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Community Air Protection Incentives 2024 Guidelines, (CAP Guidelines) for the Community Greening and Vegetative Barrier Program. Urban Greening grants may be awarded to a city, county, special district, non-profit, tribal government, or public agency or entity for projects to be implemented within the Corridor. Only projects designed for the creation and/or expansion of the new green spaces, such as trees, grass planting, or green barrier projects will be considered with its respective irrigation system.

Participant Eligibility: Applicants must commit to the following criteria in order for projects to be considered for funding:

- *Applicant must be the owner of the potential Urban Greening project area or have authority to construct and maintain the project on the property.*
- *Applicant must operate and maintain the community greening or vegetative barrier project for a period of:*
 - (A) At least 10 years for Grants up to \$100,000.*
 - (B) At least 20 years for Grants up to \$1 million.*
 - (C) At least 25 years for Grants over \$1 million.*
 - (1) This includes tree maintenance up to and including removal and replacement of dead trees.*
- *Applicant must consider baseline air monitoring data available through AB 617 and other State funded air monitoring projects in the selection, design, and characterization of the benefits of Vegetative Barrier project(s).*
- *Applicant must make the project available for inspection if requested by ICAPCD and/or CARB staff during the entire contract period and three years after the contract period.*
- *Applicant is responsible for contacting Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner's Office before obtaining any plant material originating from outside Imperial County to ensure all the requirements for movement of plant material into Imperial County are met.*
- *Applicant is responsible for ensuring that trees are purchased, planted, and maintained to the specifications provided in Appendix H of CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry Grant Guidelines.*
- *Where feasible, applicants must provide public access to the planted materials.*
- *Applicant must use CARB Urban Greening Benefits Calculator Tool to determine GHG emissions are reduced. Project benefits are calculated over a 40-year period, and applicant must fill out tabs "Project Info," and "Tree Planting – ITP."*
- *Applicants must use three external tools to use the above calculator, as follows:*
 - (1) University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS IV) tool.*
 - (2) California Department of Water Resources Water Budget Workbook.*
 - (3) i-Tree Planting Tool.*
- *All property taxes must be current at the time of application and recipient is responsible for obtaining any permits required to do the project.*
- *Applicant or their sponsor must have financial capacity to complete, operate, and maintain the project.*
- *Any funds required from other sources must reasonably be expected to be available in the timeframe needed to carry out the project.*

Routine maintenance and rehabilitation over the life of the project are eligible for funding, so long as the costs are accounted for and relevant purchases made after contract execution but prior to project completion. All proposals are due to the ICAPCD no later than **close of business (5:00pm) on Friday August 28, 2026**. Please submit hard copy of proposal(s) to the following at ICAPCD:

**Abigail Arballo
Administrative Analyst
150 South Ninth Street
El Centro, CA 92243**

Applications, and CARB's Community Air Protection Incentives 2024 Guidelines which includes all Program Requirements, can be found at <https://www.icab617community.org/request-for-proposals>. Please contact Abigail Arballo with any questions regarding this RFP at (442) 265-1800 or abigailarballo@co.imperial.ca.us.

DRAFT

5. Presentations:
C. CAMP Extension Proposal
(ICAPCD)

April 13th, 2026
 File No. 24224095.00

Ms. Belen Leon-Lopes
 Air Pollution Control Officer
 Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
 150 S. 9th Street
 El Centro, CA 92243

Subject: Potential Options for the AB-617 North Imperial Phase I Community Monitoring Project

Dear Ms. Belen:

SCS Engineers (SCS) has been operating on an Agreement for Services (M.O. #21a) dated February 27th, 2024. Following procurement of sensors, SCS began the monitoring portion of the project with a co-location study that took place from February 21st, 2024 through May 12th, 2024. The first set of five (5) sensors were installed for co-location on February 21st, and the second set of eleven (11) sensors were installed on April 10th. Once the co-location study was complete, in collaboration with ICAPCD and the community, SCS began the process of installing sensors at their monitoring sites. The collaborative process and the need to get site access and permissions from owners resulted in a staggered installation period. The following table provides the dates for the initial installation of sensors relative to the associated community and site location.

Community	Site Location	Installation Date
Brawley	Magnolia Union Elementary School	3/4/25
Brawley	Residence Calle del Sol	7/5/24
Brawley	SDSU	10/1/24
Brawley	S. Adam St	10/25/24
Brawley	Main Street	10/28/24
Brawley	Wiest Lake	11/1/24
Brawley	Fire Department Station 2	12/13/24
Calipatria	Airport	7/15/24
Calipatria	Water Treatment Plant	9/6/24
Calipatria	Hernandez Park	9/10/24
Calipatria	East Date Street	9/24/24
Westmorland	Residence 7th Street	2/23/24
Westmorland	Residence E 1st Street	6/4/24
Westmorland	C Street	7/26/24
Westmorland	Elementary School	7/26/24

In February 2026 SCS extended the period of performance of the agreement, but no additional funds were added. SCS currently has funds within the agreement to continue operations through April 2026. The following page provides costs and scope changes for three options relative to the continuance of this project. Each option will be provided along with the estimated increase in budget necessary to accomplish the extended term.



Option 1: Continue Operations through April 30th, 2026

For this option, no funds will be added to the agreement. SCS will continue operations through April 30th, 2026. The final quarterly report will be provided by the end of May and the Final community Presentation can be scheduled for June or July.

Budget Increase: \$0.00

Option 2: Continue Operations through September 30th, 2026

For this option, 5 months of Operation, Maintenance, Data validation, and reporting funds will be added to the agreement. SCS will continue operations through September 30th, 2026. In addition, \$1,000 for additional data inclusion into the final report and presentation will be required. The final quarterly report will be provided by the end of October, and the Final community presentation can be scheduled for November or December.

Budget Increase: \$28,000.00

Option 3: Continue Operations through February 30th, 2026

For this option, 10 months of Operation, Maintenance, Data validation, and reporting funds will be added to the agreement. SCS will continue operations through February 28th, 2027. In addition, \$2,000 for additional data inclusion into the final report and presentation will be required. The final quarterly report will be provided by the end of March 2027, and the Final community presentation can be scheduled for April or May of 2027.

Budget Increase: \$56,000.00

Each of these budgets maintains the same labor rates and monthly fees as in the original agreement. The only change is the extension of operating months and associated data handling. SCS recommend Option 3 so that the Community can assess the potential benefits of particulate matter controls that have been implemented in the region.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Paul Schafer
Vice President and Project Director
SCS Engineers