



CSAC Regional Meeting

Cultivating Local Economies with Global Impact

March 13-14, 2024 | Inland Empire

Summary

Counties surrounding and impacted by development of lithium and geothermal in and around the Salton Sea are poised to see many changes in the coming years. This at the same time as state efforts to begin development of environmental mitigation efforts to support the sea, restore wildlife, and reduced downwind impacts of historic decline of the sea. This regional meeting focuses on impacts to Riverside and Imperial Counties, as well as San Bernardino and San Diego, as they navigate the future of the Valley.

CSAC OFFICERS

Bruce Gibson *(not in attendance)*
President
San Luis Obispo County

Susan Ellenberg
Second Vice President
Santa Clara County

Jeff Griffiths
First Vice President
Inyo County

Chuck Washington *(not in attendance)*
Immediate Past President
Riverside County

WI-FI INFORMATION

Network: Margaritaville
Access Code: CSAC2024

UPCOMING EVENTS



CSAC Legislative Conference
April 17-19, 2024
Sacramento County

Scan QR code to register



CSAC Summer Regional Meeting
June 20-21, 2024
Alameda County

Registration not yet available



Agenda

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

11:00 A.M.

Margaritaville Resort Palm Springs
1600 N Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Registration & Box Lunch Distribution

Attendees arrive at the Margaritaville Resort Palm Springs. Registration for the Regional Meeting will be outside of Paradise 2-3 Meeting Rooms.

12:00 P.M.

Margaritaville Resort Palm Springs

Bus Departure

Bus for the Lithium Valley tour departs from the Margaritaville Palm Springs Resort.

12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Lithium Valley Tour

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Travel To Calipatria

The Salton Sea Authority manages restoration of the Salton Sea and mitigates environmental hazards in the area due to declining water levels.

Speakers:

- **G. Patrick O'Dowd**, Executive Director and General Manager Salton Sea Authority
- **Robert Keeran**, Coachella Valley Water District (Retired)

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Stop 1: Controlled Thermal Resources Holdings Inc.

Controlled Thermal Resources Holdings Inc. Hell's Kitchen Lithium and Power project is situated within the heart of one of the largest known geothermal resources in the world.

3:10 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Stop 2: Mud Pots

Old Mud Pots site - burping, gurgling geothermal mud pots by the Salton Sea.

3:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Stop 3: Berkshire Hathaway Energy Renewables

Renewable geothermal location managed by Berkshire Hathaway Energy Renewables.

*Attendees will not get off bus during this stop**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 (CONT.)

12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Lithium Valley Tour (cont.)

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Travel Back to Palm Springs

CSAC Finance Corporation Director of Business Development Jim Maker introduces program and participating partners.

7:00 P.M.

CSAC FC Corporate Partner Dinner

1501 Uptown Gastropub
1501 N Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Attendees will meet in the Margaritaville Resort Palm Springs lobby for the 5-minute walk to dinner. All registrants are invited to dinner.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Breakfast and Host County Welcome

**Margaritaville Resort Palm Springs
Paradise 2&3 Meeting Room**

Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and CSAC CEO Graham Knaus welcomes attendees.

9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

Panel - Economic Development for the North Valley

**Margaritaville Resort Palm Springs
Paradise 2&3 Meeting Room**

The Eastern Coachella Valley has a rich cultural tradition, a young population, and a spirit of optimism as it tackles the challenges of today: lack of infrastructure, need for more and better housing, and transformation of the workforce. Santa Clara County Supervisor and CSAC Second Vice President Susan Ellenberg introduces a panel discussion on these unique challenges and how the Eastern Coachella Valley can reach its full potential.

Speakers:

- **Juan Perez**, Chief Operating Officer, Riverside County
- **Stephanie Adams**, Deputy Director, Riverside County Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions
- **Mike Walsh**, Assistant Director, Riverside County Department of Housing & Workforce Solutions
- **Joaquin Tijerina**, Development Manager, Riverside County Office of Economic Development
- **Jeff Van Wagenen**, CEO, Riverside County (moderator)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 (CONT.)

10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M

Break

10:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

Lithium Valley: Energy, Equity, & Community

**Margaritaville Resort Palm Springs
Paradise 2&3 Meeting Room**

In an era where the transition to green energy is imperative, Imperial County stands on the cusp of a transformative journey towards becoming a global leader in the lithium and rare mineral extraction industry. Inyo County Supervisor and CSAC First Vice President Jeff Griffiths introduces this panel discussion which promises an in-depth exploration of how collaborative efforts between local government, academia, the community, and industry are laying the groundwork for a sustainable and equitable economic future.

Speakers:

- **Priscilla Lopez**, Imperial County Workforce Economic & Development Director
- **Dr. Gina Nunez**, Dean of San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Campus
- **Vince Signorotti**, Vice President of Government Affairs for ES Minerals
- **Supervisor Ryan Kelley**, Imperial County **(moderator)**

11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Lunch and Closing Remarks

**Margaritaville Resort Palm Springs
Paradise 2&3 Meeting Room**

Closing remarks from Riverside County Supervisor Perez and Imperial County Supervisor Kelley moderated by, and with reflections from, CSAC CEO Graham Knaus.

Notes

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