

*Senate Budget and Fiscal Review—Scott Wiener, Chair*

## **SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 4**

## **Agenda**

**Senator Stephen C. Padilla, Chair**

**Senator Roger W. Niello**

**Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas**



**Thursday, April 25, 2024  
9:30 a.m. or Upon Adjournment of Session  
State Capitol - Room 113**

Consultants: Elisa Wynne & Timothy Griffiths

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
*(All items are information only.)*

**ITEM 1 The Transformative Potential of Lithium Extraction for the Salton Sea and Imperial Valley: The Promise, The Vision, and Where We Stand Today**

- *Dr. Michael McKibben, Professor, University of California, Riverside*
- *Silvia Paz, Chair, Lithium Valley Commission*
- *Noemí Gallardo, Commissioner, California Energy Commission*

**ITEM 2 Investing in the Vision: Economic Support of the Lithium Extraction Industry and Surrounding Communities**

- *Erik Stokes, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Gallardo, California Energy Commission*
- *Tyson Eckerle, Senior Advisor for Clean Infrastructure and Mobility, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development*

**ITEM 3** *The Path Forward: Challenges and Opportunities*

- *John Gay, Director, Imperial County Department of Public Works*
- *Sylvia Priscilla Lopez, Director, Imperial County Workforce and Economic Development Department*
- *Genti Droboniku, Research Manager, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration*

Public Comment.

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