



### CEO Report Item 13

**TO:** Ava Community Energy (formally East Bay Community Energy) Board of Directors

**FROM:** Nick Chaset, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: CEO Report (Informational Item)**

**DATE:** December 20, 2023

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#### **Recommendation**

Accept Chief Executive Officer (CEO) report on update items below.

#### **Executive Committee Meeting**

An Executive Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Members discussed the Community Advisory Committee Member reappointments and CAC Guide updates. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 9am.

#### **Marketing, Regulatory and Legislative Subcommittee Meeting**

The December 15, 2023, meeting of the Marketing, Regulatory and Legislative Subcommittee Meeting was canceled. The next Marketing, Regulatory and Legislative Subcommittee Meeting will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 12:00pm.

#### **New Staff**

##### **Shuge Luo**

Shuge Lou joined Ava on 11/7/23 as the new outreach coordinator on the Marketing and Account Services team. She will engage with and educate members of the public about Ava Community Energy through community outreach, partnerships, and local sponsorships.

Prior to Ava, Shuge worked in community organizing, specifically in environmental justice and affordable housing.

Shuge holds a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies Field from UC Berkeley College of Letters & Science, where she studied how art and environment help us build more equitable communities.

### **Dan Bertoldi – Electrification Program Manager**

Dan joined Ava on 11/14/2023 as the Electrification Program Manager on the Local Development team. Dan is primarily working on building electrification programs to help transition Ava's communities towards electrified homes and businesses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the built environment, and support healthier, more sustainable communities.

Prior to joining Ava, Dan worked at Central Coast Community Energy, the CCA serving the counties of the California Central Coast. There, he managed a portfolio of energy programs that included both building and transportation electrification efforts.

Dan holds a BS in Biology from Notre Dame de Namur University and an MS in Environmental Management from the University of San Francisco.

### **Andy McElroy – Solar and Storage Associate**

Andy joined Ava's Programs team in November 2023 as the Solar and Storage Associate. Andy assists with project management and day to day operations for anything solar or storage related within Ava's various programs.

Prior to joining Ava, Andy was the NorCal Business Development Director for Sunlight Financial, where he managed and trained medium to enterprise size solar installer accounts and interfaced with CALSSA and the CPUC as the de facto policy expert surrounding the 2023 NEM 2.0 sunset.

Andy earned a Masters in Engineering Management at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. He enjoys spending time with his family, snowboarding, camping, and photography.

### **Lori Belilla - Director of Business Development, Clean Energy Services**

Lori joined Ava on 12/12/23 as the Director of Clean Energy Services. Lori will oversee the development and operation of Ava's Local Services such as: Public DC Fast Chargers, Municipal Fleet Charging as a Service, Solar and Storage as a Service, and Electrification Installation Delivery.

Lori has nearly 20 years of experience in the renewable energy industry and has contributed to the deployment of nearly 2GWs of renewable energy projects ranging from residential, commercial and utility scale globally. Most recently Lori was Vice President at Soltage, LLC., a solar and storage independent power provider. At Soltage,

they led west coast origination and development, and oversaw the technical due diligence and insurance programs for all projects in the Soltage portfolio.

Lori holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering, and Science, Technology and Society, from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and an MBA from Penn State University.