



CEO Report Item 12

TO: Ava Community Energy Board of Directors
FROM: Howard Chang, Chief Executive Officer
SUBJECT: CEO Report (Informational Item)
DATE: December 18, 2024

Recommendation

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

Executive Committee Meeting

An Executive Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Members received updates on the Government Fleet EV Charging Grants, the Piedmont Pool NSR Amendment and the CAC Work Plan. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2024 at 9 am.

New Employees

Claire Huang - Regulatory Analyst

Claire joined Ava on November 19, 2024 as a Regulatory Analyst II. She will be supporting Ava's regulatory advocacy in the distributed energy resources and transportation electrification spaces, as well as coordinating internally to support the regulatory needs of Ava's programs.

Prior to joining Ava, Claire worked at Guidehouse as an Energy, Sustainability, and Infrastructure consultant, helping clients implement clean energy policy, with a focus on energy efficiency and demand response programs, as well as clean energy technologies such as offshore wind, to meet California statewide clean energy targets.

Claire holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan, with a minor in Energy Science and Policy. In her free time, she likes to hike, practice amateur birding, and play with her newly adopted kitten.

Linda Luong – Office Coordinator

Linda joined Ava on December 2, 2024 as the Office Coordinator. She will be supporting the Office Operations team by managing administrative tasks, overseeing day-to-day office operations, and ensuring smooth communication between departments.

Prior to Ava, Linda worked at Low Bar for 8 months, where she bartended and managed day-to-day operations while interacting with around 150 customers within an evening. Before that, she

was a manager and bartender at Raven Bar, SF for 7 years. There she developed and executed onboarding training programs, managed and received inventory, and generated staff schedules in a high volume bar setting.

Linda has a B.A. from San Francisco State University in Marketing. She loves to cook a wide variety of cuisines, climb indoors, and knit woolly garments in the winter.

Habitat for Humanity Update

Ava has been a sponsor of Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley since 2018, and this year we were delighted to expand our partnership to support Sequoia Grove, a fully electric affordable community in Hayward. Our funding (\$200,000 over two years) underwrites solar, battery storage, heat pump systems, and induction ranges, making Sequoia Grove the most climate-smart Habitat for Humanity project in our service territory to date. Over the next two years, the Marketing team will document the building process to create educational content about electrification and increase brand awareness. In November, we completed the first phase of this campaign, culminating in a launch video about this partnership. You can view the video and learn more about the project at AvaEnergy.org/habitat-for-humanity.