



Draft Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
9:00 am

In Person:

Conference Room 5
Ava Community Energy
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Oakland, CA 94612

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1. (1:00) Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members: Marquez (Alameda County)*, Roche (Hayward), Andersen (Piedmont), Gonzalez (San Leandro) and Chair Balch (Pleasanton)

**Member Marquez joined the meeting at 9:11am.*

2. (2:02) Public Comment

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Executive Committee on any Ava Community Energy-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Committee are customarily limited to three minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic [speaker slip](#). The Executive Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.

There was no general public comment.

3. (2:32) Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2024

Member Andersen motioned to approve the minutes. Member Gonzalez seconded the motion, which was approved 4/0/0/0/1 (yes, no, abstain, recuse, not present):

Yes: Members: Roche, Andersen, Gonzalez and Chair Balch

No: none

Abstain: none

Recuse: none

Not Present: Member Marquez

4. (4:28) BAAQMD Rule 9-6 (Informational Item)

Receive an update and provide Feedback to staff regarding the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's amendments to Regulation 9, Rule 6.

JP Ross, the Vice-President of Local Development, presented on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) newly adopted rules phasing out the sale of gas water heaters and furnaces to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions. In this presentation, JP Ross outlined the phased implementation timeline starting in 2027 for smaller residential water heaters, followed by furnaces and larger water heaters in subsequent years, and discussed the expected shift to heat pump water heaters as a compliance alternative.

Selected topics discussed by Executive Committee Members:

- **Chair Balch** confirmed that load planning is critical, and **JP Ross** explained how Ava incorporates heat pump adoption and additional loads into its Integrated Resource Planning (IRP).
- **Member Gonzalez** proposed a "readiness assessment" to help residents understand potential costs before emergencies occur.
- **Chair Balch** called for a strong public education campaign led by BAAQMD to ensure understanding of the rule.
- **Member Roche** spoke about the need to reduce exceptions so that the rules are equitable.

(56:47) Public Comment: Jim Lutz asked how Ava plans to address the expected increase in electric load and suggested exploring on-bill financing or virtual power plant programs to manage installations and load. He also spoke about a lawsuit against similar rules in Southern California.

5. (1:17:09) Building Efficiency Accelerator Funding (Informational Item)

Staff will provide an update on the funding status for the Building Efficiency Accelerator program and seek feedback on a proposed budget reallocation.

Allison Lopez, the manager of the Commercial Energy Efficiency program, presented on Ava's Building Efficiency Accelerator, a program funded by the CPUC's Public Purpose Program (PPP) charge, aimed at helping large commercial and industrial customers improve energy efficiency. In this presentation, Lopez explained the program's progress, which includes enrolling 30 buildings and identifying 15 GWh of potential energy savings, as well as a recent CPUC budget recalculation error that reduced the program's funding from \$13.4 million to \$5.56 million. To address the funding gap, she proposed reallocating \$1 million from Ava's building electrification budget.

Selected Topics discussed by Executive Committee Members:

- **Member Roche** asked whether other CCAs faced similar funding disparities.
- **Member Roche** also confirmed that the proposed \$1 million budget reallocation is a one-time adjustment to support existing program participants.
- **Chair Balch** expressed general agreement that staff is appropriately addressing the issue.

6. (1:28:56) Committee Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Executive Committee Agendas

There were no Committee Member or Staff Announcements.

7. (1:30:00) Adjourned at 10:30am

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.