



**Draft Minutes**

**Marketing, Regulatory and Legislative Subcommittee  
Meeting**

Friday, April 10, 2026  
3:00 pm

In Person:

Altamont Conference Room  
Ava Community Energy  
1999 Harrison Street, Suite 2300  
Oakland, CA 94612

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**1. (0:00) Welcome & Roll Call**

**Present:** Directors: Lopez (Albany), Nygard (Tracy), and Chair Tregub (Berkeley).

**Absent:** Directors: Diallo (Lathrop) and Barrientos (Livermore).

**2. (0:42) Public Comment**

*This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the MRL Subcommittee on any Ava-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 Board are customarily limited to three minutes per speaker. The MRL Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.*

**There were no speakers for public comment.**

**3. (1:15) Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2026 (Action Item)**

**Director Nygard (Tracy) motioned to approve the minutes. Director Lopez (Albany) seconded the motion, which passed 3/0/0/0/2.**

**Yes: Lopez (Albany), Nygard (Tracy), and Chair Tregub (Berkeley).**

**No: None.**

**Abstain: None.**

**Recuse: None.**

**Not Present: Diallo (Lathrop) and Barrientos (Livermore).**

**There were no speakers for public comment.**

**4. (2:14) 2026 Policy Platform Update (Informational Item)**

Reup of policy platform for 2026.

**Sam Sadle** reviewed annual updates to the legislative platform, including clarifying language, elevating autonomy to a standalone objective, and renaming the legislative program to better align with industry standards.

**There were no speakers for public comment.**

**There was no discussion by the subcommittee members.**

**5. (4:12) 2026 Legislative Positions (Informational Item)**

Consideration of 2026 proposed legislative positions.

**Sam Sadle, Kendall Downie, and Dominic Faria** provided an update on Ava's legislative advocacy efforts, outlining recommended positions on eight California energy bills. They reviewed Ava's positions on specific bills and sought feedback before bringing the recommendations to the board for formal consideration.

**There were no speakers for public comment.**

**Selection of topics discussed by subcommittee members:**

- Proposed amendments to SB 868, including requiring battery storage to be paired with plug-in (balcony) solar systems
- CalCCA's opposition to AB 2383 and concerns regarding CPUC oversight of CCA contracts and local autonomy
- Data center legislation and the need for greater transparency and oversight of large energy loads

- Potential impacts of declining solar incentives and the importance of maintaining support for distributed energy resources
- Equity and accessibility considerations for renters participating in balcony solar and battery storage programs
- Ava's Smart Home Battery Program and its role in encouraging solar-plus-storage adoption
- Tradeoffs between streamlining heat pump permitting (SB 222) and preserving local control over permitting processes
- Perspectives from member cities on permitting challenges, electrification efforts, and the benefits of statewide standardization for smaller jurisdictions

**6. (52:47) Committee Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Board Agendas**

**There were no committee member or staff announcements.**

**7. Adjourned at 4:08pm.**

The next Marketing, Regulatory and Legislative Subcommittee meeting will be held on Friday, June 12, 2026 at 10am.

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