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This month, we celebrate one year of Ava Bike Electric (and its extension through 2027), spotlight the batteries eligible for our SmartHome Battery program, and remember our founding Board Chair Scott Haggerty. Plus: three tips on preparing for outages, and a ticket discount code for this Sunday's Oakland Ballers game!

One (More) Year of Ava Bike Electric



July marks one year of [Ava Bike Electric](#), our e-bike rebate program! In its first year, 30,874 residents across Alameda County and San Joaquin County applied to the program. Participants have redeemed 6,006 rebates and ridden an estimated 1,898,778 carbon-free miles so far.

Even more exciting, **Ava's Board of Directors approved an extension of the program**, with an additional \$3 million investment to keep Ava Bike Electric running through December 2027 (instead of the originally scheduled December 2026). The final rebate drawing will take place in September 2027.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has made this possible—every applicant, bike shop, community partner, and advocate. Here's to another year of accessible, healthy, clean transportation!

SmartHome Battery: Meet the Program-Eligible Batteries



Do you have a home solar and battery system, or have you been thinking of installing one? Home batteries by Franklin, Lunar, Enphase, and Tesla are eligible for our SmartHome Battery program. Residential Ava customers can receive an upfront installation rebate, plus ongoing participation payments for connecting their home battery to Ava's virtual power plant.

[Learn More and Enroll Here](#)



Want to know more about home solar and battery systems?

A battery can protect your home from outages, lower your monthly energy bills, or some combination of both. Before deciding what storage solution makes sense for your home, it helps to start with a simple question: What do you actually want your battery to do?

Whether you want to maximize the value of your solar or run necessary devices during an outage, this guide can help you choose the right system.

[**Battery Options for Your Home Solar System →**](#)

How to Prepare for PSPS Events

Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) are initiated by PG&E when weather conditions create an increased risk of wildfire. These happen more often in the summer as it gets hotter, windier, and drier. While Ava doesn't manage power shutoffs, we're here to help you navigate them.

Here are three things you can do to prepare:

1. Sign up for outage alerts from PG&E by email, phone, and/or text
2. Keep phones and other essential devices charged
3. Create an outage preparedness plan (call 211 for free support!)

Find more tips and resources on [Ava's website](#) or on [PG&E's website](#).

Cheer on the Oakland Ballers with us!



We'll be at Raimondi Park on Sunday, August 2 as the Ballers take on RedPocket Mobiles for Soak the Town Sunday. Come say hi and make a commemorative sun print with us!

Use code **OBAVA30** to get 30% off tickets

Remembering Scott Haggerty



Ava wouldn't be what it is today without the imagination and leadership of Scott Haggerty, who passed away this month. As an Alameda County Supervisor and visionary for bringing community choice energy to the East Bay, Haggerty was a founding member of Ava (then called East Bay Community Energy) and served as the first Chair of our Board of Directors. He represented Alameda County's District 1 for over 20 years.

We are humbled to continue honoring his legacy through the Scott Haggerty Wind Energy Center in the Altamont Pass. The 23-turbine wind farm, named in his honor, connects Alameda and San Joaquin Counties and provides our communities with 54.8 MW of renewable electricity. This profile from 2019 captures a sliver of his enduring legacy and contributions.

Faces of EBCE: Scott Haggerty



Upcoming Public Meetings

The Ava Board of Directors is on recess during the month of August. Meetings will resume in September.

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