

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DASHBOARD REPORT

APRIL 2026




MISSION

La Plata Electric Association, Inc. provides its members safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost while being environmentally responsible.

STRATEGIC GOAL

Our members will, on average, pay less for electric service than 70% of Colorado cooperatives, and by 2030 we will reduce carbon emissions by more than 80% from 2005 levels, surpassing state climate goals.

VISION

-  Member Powered
-  Future Focused
-  National Leader





Delivering Safety, Reliability, & Excellence

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR)*	≤ 1.5	0.0	✓
Days Away and Restricted Time Incident Rate (DART)*	≤ 0.9	0.0	✓
Lost Time Incidents	0	0	✓
Critical System Uptime	≥ 99.95	99.88	!
Reliability (SAIDI, min/year)*	≤ 75.00	51.84	✓
Reliability (SAIFI, outages/member/year)*	≤ 0.95	0.60	✓

Energizing Tomorrow

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
BE Sales Increase†	68,750	78,860	✓
kWh of Member-Installed Batteries	5,251‡	5,213	!

Empowering Community

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
Member Engagement Events	2	3	✓
Program Participation	1,650‡	1,787	✓

Demonstrating Member Value

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
Operating Margin	≥ 3.0%	2.30%	!
Cash Reserves (Days Liquidity)	90 - 120 Days	87	!
Days of Cash on Hand	≥ 30	32	✓
MDSC	≥ 1.35	2.66	✓
Debt as % of Equity	< 200%	152%	✓
Equity %	25-50%	37%	✓

KPI DASHBOARD

	On Track
	Needs Attention
	Requires Focus

* This monthly reporting is based on a 12-month rolling average.

† Reporting reflects the prior months values, to ensure all data is collected.

‡ This value changes monthly to reflect a year end total.

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SAFETY PRIORITIES

No lost time incidents in April.

Surveyed all members who have battery systems, asking for permission to share information about the presence and location of their battery systems with the relevant fire protection district. This initiative was in response to requests from Upper Pine and Durango Fire. 96 of 262 survey recipients responded, all agreeing to share this information.

2026 Capital Work Projects are 32% complete. This includes the replacement of 2.35 miles of overhead line in the Trimble Springs area, which is 25% complete, and the replacement of underground line in the Forest Lakes area, which is 40% complete.

- o Pole attachments and broadband statistics:
- o In Design: 770
- o Released for Make Ready: 725
- o Make Ready Completed: 1,741 (since January 2025)
- o Fiber Attached: 564 (since January 2025)

WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Launched Firescape’s weather monitoring and fire risk platform and began receiving daily notifications and recommendation forecasts. This will help us make informed decisions for relay settings or Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events to reduce the risk of wildfire ignition.

Tree crews continued work in the Rafter J subdivision, partnering with the HOA and the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program to reduce fuels and enhance the fire safety for homeowners and LPEA powerlines.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) INTEGRATION

Tested the use of AI to monitor weather for the purposes of load forecasting.

Used AI to write macros for Excel to allow for more rapid financial analysis of programs by automatically varying input values to model multiple scenarios and produce outputs in a summary table.

RELIABILITY

Crews responded to 33 unplanned outages with a range of causes including: downed trees, extreme weather, wildlife encounters, dig-ins by third party contractors, and vehicle accidents.





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SOLAR & STORAGE EXPANSION

Initiated permitting and received a favorable determination from La Plata County on the permitting procedure for both the Sunnyside solar and battery projects. The director determined that the Administrative Permitting Process will apply to both projects and is a 30-day process.

Presented our progress-to-date on the Interconnections Queue Management Solution (IQMS) project to the Department of Energy (DOE), fulfilling all requirements for our second milestone award disbursement.

Completed our Power Export Engineering Standards, which define the required protective equipment and schemes for reverse power flow across different elements within our system. These standards are the roadmap for how to enable more rooftop solar through equipment upgrades, reprogramming of devices, and ongoing monitoring.

EVALUATE LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS

Worked with the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) to receive confirmation that we can avoid Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS) schemes and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) compliance that goes with it.





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MEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

Hosted two office hours events in the Beneficial Electrification lobby at the Durango office, with 10 members attending to learn about home electrification, rebates, the HEAR program and battery storage options.

Hosted Town Halls in Durango and Pagosa Springs, with about 6 members attending each.

Hosted our Community Power X event with about 97 members in attendance. The evening centered on our energy transition and how regional utilities are working together to maintain reliable, affordable power. Speakers included a panel of LPEA lineworkers as well as a panel of leaders from Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Delta Montrose Electric Cooperative, and Farmington Electric Utility System.

Chris spoke on a panel at the Forum for Progress: Energy in Southwest Colorado hosted by the Durango Chamber of Commerce.

Participated in the Rural Energy Resiliency Forum in Pagosa Springs, hosted by the Colorado Energy Office (COE), the Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE), and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation.

Presented at the Town-County joint work session with Pagosa Town Council and Archuleta County Commissioners about wildfire safety and PSPS.

Dan Harms participated on a panel at 4CORE's "Our Power, Our Future" event with Will Toor from the COE, and two other panelists. ~50 members of the public attended for an engaging open discussion.

Participated in the Earth Day parade and hosted a booth during the Earth Day festivities in downtown Durango. Engaged with a steady stream of members throughout the event about renewable energy, electrification, and electrical safety through our Power Town interactive display.

Supported an Animas High School field trip for ~50 sophomore students to the Sunnyside Solar facility and Vallecito Hydro facility to learn about generation and explore questions related to the concept of a just energy transition.

Presented to the Park Elementary Green team twice in the month of April. This group consists of about 13 students in total, and the presentations covered the electric school bus and a test-run of the Monsters electrical curriculum.

Judged the Mountain Middle School environment and humanities presentations which featured students' business plan ideas aimed at addressing United Nations climate goals.

Attended the Beyond the Bottom Line presentation, a business forum hosted by the Pagosa Chamber of Commerce and the Pagosa Community Development Corporation.

KEY ACCOUNT ENGAGEMENTS

Held follow-up discussions after the PSPS Tabletop in March with multiple agencies and stakeholders in both Archuleta and La Plata counties to answer questions and better understand individual partner needs. These discussions included conversations to update partners who missed the tabletop exercise, as well as dialogues with public health partners on how to support vulnerable members during a potential PSPS event.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Facilitated a contractor training at our office in Pagosa Springs, with 12 plumbing and HVAC contractors in attendance. The training was hosted by Navian, a manufacturer who recently added heat pump systems to their legacy gas and propane in-floor heating systems. The training focused on air-to-water heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and other water heating technology.

Participated in a Housing Action Plan working group meeting, addressing housing needs and solutions in Archuleta County.

Met with the Economic Development Alliance on future partnership and speaking opportunities.

Chris presented to the Region 9 Economic Development Board.





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COMMUNITY POWER X: A REGIONAL ENERGY FORUM

We hosted our second Community Power X forum to celebrate our power supply transition and regional partnerships.





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POWER COST STABILITY

Our average cost of power per kilowatt hour (kWh) resulted in a 25.8% decrease in April over March.

ENERGY SERVICES OFFERINGS

Engaged Zero Homes to assist with energy auditing and local contractor management, in preparation for a robust heat pump offering focused on the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR) to be initiated in early June.

Engaged with EEtility to assist with the administration of the Pay As You Save (PAYS) program launching in early 2027.

ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN STATE & REGIONAL ENERGY INITIATIVES

Two lineworkers represented LPEA at the State Capitol for lineworker appreciation day, and met with state representatives to discuss successes and roadblocks in the cooperative realm.





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