

Mountain View Electric Association

2026 Legislative Agenda



MVEA's Guiding Principles

Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric cooperative serving more than 145,000 individuals across more than 5,000 square miles and employing more than 170 Coloradans. Our legislative positions are grounded in our mission to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and responsible electric service and broadband access to every member we serve.

MVEA supports legislation that promotes safety, reliability, affordability, and operational independence. We advocate for policies that protect employees and members, enhance system hardening and wildfire mitigation efforts, and reduce costs through efficient regulation and streamlined permitting. We oppose legislation that compromises safety or reliability, increases costs for members, undermines cooperative autonomy, or imposes unnecessary regulatory burdens without clear member benefit.



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MVEA's Legislative Priorities

Focused policy initiatives that support safety, reliability, and affordability for rural Colorado



Business Climate

MVEA supports legislation that strengthens Colorado's business climate, particularly in rural communities, by expanding training and apprenticeship opportunities and preserving employer flexibility. We oppose policies that increase employment costs or regulatory burdens in ways that undermine safety, reliability, or affordability.

Wildfire Mitigation

Colorado's wildfire landscape requires precise, predictable, and fair policy structures that support proactive mitigation while protecting electric cooperatives and their members from unreasonable financial exposure, ensuring reliable service, predictable rates, and long-term affordability for the communities we serve.

Protection of Service Territories

MVEA will be a staunch advocate for the preservation of electric cooperatives and the territories they serve. MVEA will oppose legislation that would jeopardize a cooperative's ability to serve within its certificated boundaries.

Data Centers & Large Load Integration

Colorado is experiencing rapid interest from data centers, AI compute loads, crypto operations, and other high-density energy users. These loads can provide economic benefits but must be integrated responsibly without jeopardizing co-op-certificated territory.

Affordability

Affordability is a top concern for Colorado families, and MVEA is committed to protecting members from rising energy costs. We support legislation that reduces utility costs, and we oppose policies that increase financial burdens through unfunded mandates or cost-shifting requirements. MVEA will advocate for practical solutions that keep energy affordable while maintaining safety and reliability.



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