CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH CHAPTER
MEETING AGENDA

DATE: March 27, 2026

LOCATION:
Virtual Meeting – Zoom Link, Meeting ID: 850 1507 8728, Passcode: 987872

TIME:
10:00AM to 1:00PM: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. **Call to Order** (notice of no recording)..... Naomi Lue

2. **Introductions** (all members and guests present) ..... Naomi Lue

3. **Roll Call**.....Carrie Baxter

OFFICERS					
Name	**Office**	**P/E/A**	**Name**	**Office**	**P/E/A**
Naomi Lue	President		Carrie Baxter	Secretary	
(Vacant)	Vice President		Dave Ghirardelli	Past President	
Wes Heathcock	Treasurer				
DIRECTORS					
Name	**Organization**	**P/E/A**	**Name**	**Organization**	**P/E/A**
Ruth Abbe	Abbe & Associates		Joe LaMariana	ReThink Waste	
Peni Basalusalu	City of Stockton		Patrick Mathews	Salinas Valley WMA	
Derek Crutchfield	City of Vallejo		Felipe Melchor	ReGen Monterey	
Kimberly Cook	Agromin		Amy Padovani	Geosyntec	
Rachel Davis	Yolo County		Lauren Romanazzi	SCS Engineers	
Mark Ellis	Enthalpy		Tami Stolzenthaler	City of Watsonville	
Chris Hiller	Waga Energy				

4. **Changes or Additions to Agenda** ..... Naomi Lue

5. **President's Comments** ..... Naomi Lue
    a. Resignation of Nate Pelczar and Jennifer Claiborne
    b. Past President Dave Ghirardelli Update
    c. New Western Regional Symposium Chair, Chris Hiller

6. **Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2026 meeting** ..... Carrie Baxter

7. **Correspondence** .....Carrie Baxter

8. **Treasurer's Report** .....Wes Heathcock
    a. Cash Balance Reports – January and February 2026
    b. Statements of Budget, Revenue, and Expenditure – Through February 2026
    c. International SWANA / Membership Dues / MOLO – Update

9. **Old Business**
    a. Meeting Schedule ..... Naomi Lue
        - April 19-23 – Western Regional Symposium (WRS)
        - May 15 – City of Roseville
            - Legislative Update by SYASL
            - Lunch sponsored by City of Roseville
            - Tour of Roseville Utility Exploration Center
        - July 24 – TBD
        - Sept 18 – Rescheduled from Sept 25
        - Nov 20 – TBD
    b. Board Roster - Updated ..... Naomi Lue

10. **New Business**
    a. Legislative Task Force - Update ..... Joe La Mariana
    b. Nominations Committee ..... Naomi Lue
    c. Elections / Director's Slate ..... Naomi Lue

    Officers' Slate 2026-27:
    Term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:

President	Naomi Lue
Vice President	Carrie Baxter
Treasurer	Wes Heathcock
Secretary	TBD
Past President	Dave Ghirardelli

    Public Sector Director Slate Term 2026-28:
    Peni Basalusalu
    Nominated: Cesar Zuniga
    Nominated: Michelle White
    2 additional vacancies

    Private Sector Director Slate Term 2026-28:
    Mark Ellis
    Chris Hiller
    Lauren Romanazzi
    Nominated: Bill Schmierer

11. **Western Regional Symposium**
    a. WRS Committee Chair ..... Chris Hiller
    b. WRS Communications / Website ..... Rachel Davis
    c. WRS Hospitality / Tours ..... Derek Crutchfield
        - Golf Tournament
    d. WRS Hotel ..... Chris Hiller
    e. WRS Programs ..... Amy Padovani
    f. WRS Registration ..... Ruth Abbe
        - Shift Sign-Ups
    g. WRS Sponsorship ..... Tracie Bills
    h. WRS Trade Show ..... Kimberly Cook
    i. WRS Treasurer Update ..... Wes Heathcock

12. **Committee Reports**

a. Audit ..... Amy Padovani
b. Awards ..... Derek Crutchfield
c. Bylaws ..... Rachel Davis
d. Communications / Website ..... Rachel Davis
e. Legislative & Regulatory ..... Chris / Doug / Larry
f. Membership ..... Chris / Peni
g. Nominations ..... Naomi / Carrie / Wes
h. Programs & Workshops ..... Ruth Abbe
i. Scholarship ..... Amy Padovani
j. Symposium ..... Chris Hiller
k. Training and Certification ..... Peni Basalusalu
l. YP Activities ..... Ameen Kunbargi

13. **Suggested Topics for Next Meeting** ..... Naomi Lue

Next Gold Rush Chapter Board Meeting:
Date and time: May 15, 2026; 10:00AM to 2:00PM
Meeting location:
City of Roseville, 1501 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville 95747
Utility Exploration Center tour to follow.

Agenda and Attachments:

1) Meeting Agenda
2) January 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes
3) Cash Report and Statements of Budget, etc.
4) GRC Board Roster
5) LTF Meeting Minutes
6) Nominations Announcement
7) Golf Tournament Flyer

CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH CHAPTER
MEETING AGENDA

DATE: January 16, 2026

LOCATION:
Tour address: Sibelco Glass Recycling at 299 Beck Ave. Fairfield, CA 94533
Meeting address: Dunnell Nature Center at 3351 Hillridge Dr, Fairfield, CA 94534

TIME:
9:30AM to 10:30AM: TOUR
11:00AM to 2:00PM: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. **Call to Order** (notice of no recording) …….. ..... Nate Pelczar
   President Pelczar called the meeting to order at 11:10am.

2. **Introductions** (all members and guests present) ……..…… ..... Nate Pelczar
   President Pelczar welcomed the group, thanked Sibelco Glass Recycling for the tour, and thanked Corey Beavers with the City of Fairfield for generously sponsoring the meeting location and lunch. Other members and guests were present and introduced themselves.

3. **Roll Call** .....Carrie Baxter

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Nate Pelczar	President	**P**	Carrie Baxter	Secretary	**P**
Naomi Lue	Vice–President	**P**	Dave Ghirardelli	Past-President	**P**
Wes Heathcock	Treasurer	**P**			
DIRECTORS					
Name	**Organization**	**P/E/A**	**Name**	**Organization**	**P/E/A**
Ruth Abbe	Abbe & Associates	**P***	Joe LaMariana	ReThink Waste	**E**
Peni Basalusalu	City of Berkeley	**A**	Patrick Mathews	Salinas Valley WMA	**E**
Jennifer Claiborne	Sacramento County	**E**	Felipe Melchor	ReGen Monterey	**P***
Derek Crutchfield	City of Vallejo	**P***	Amy Padovani	Geosyntec	**P**
Kimberly Cook	Agromin	**P**	Will Rice	Enthalpy	**A**
Rachel Davis	Yolo County	**P**	Lauren Romanazzi	SCS Engineers	**P**
Mark Ellis	Enthalpy	**E**	Tami Stolzenthaler	City of Watsonville	**P**
Chris Hiller	Waga Energy	**P**			

P - Present *P* - Present Remote* *E – Excused* *A – Absent*

4. **Changes or Additions to Agenda**..... Nate Pelczar
   President Pelczar thanked Director Hiller and Director Romanazzi for stepping up to support the WRS.

5. **Approval of Minutes**..... Nate Pelczar
   The November 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.

6. **Correspondence** .....Carrie Baxter
   Secretary Baxter reported that there was an increase in inquires about the WRS that have been responded to timely.

7. **Treasurer's Report** …… .....Wes Heathcock
   a. Cash Balance Reports and Statements of Budget
   b. Statements of Budget, Revenue, and Expenditure
   c. Molo Expenses – Update
   d. The Western Regional Symposium (WRS) Savings – Update

   Treasurer Heathcock reported that lunch payments received via Zelle were recorded promptly, and cash receipts were deposited in December 2025. The audit team confirmed that payer names will be documented going forward for tracking purposes. A certificate of deposit (CD) has matured and will be used to help cover costs related to the Western Regional Symposium (WRS).

   MOLO and membership dues have not been received for an extended period; the Executive Committee may issue a formal letter to the national organization regarding the missing payments.

   The financial report was approved unanimously.

8. **Old Business**
   a. SWANA Joint Chapters Meeting ..... Nate Pelczar
      President Pelczar shared that a joint meeting was held with the three California Chapters. During the meeting he discussed access issues with the shared Google Drive folder, received a financial update on shared WRS funds and ongoing payment and communication challenges with SWANA International, with payments expected soon. The Joint Chapters agreed to form a committee with chapter representatives to review and recommend updates to the chapters agreement, with a Q2 meeting to be scheduled at a later date.

      Rodeo planning is underway with Recology and potential coordination with Caterpillar. Outreach and marketing efforts for WRS were noted. Social media cross-promotion among chapters will be encouraged. An update on revenue sharing from the Yosemite WRS is pending. MOLO is scheduled for March 9–11, with registration opening soon and programming to include site tours, meals, and networking opportunities.

   b. WRS ..... Dave Ghirardelli
      Registration: Director Abbe requested additional support at the registration booth.

      Trade Show: Director Cook shared strong progress with 19 of 30 booths already committed; expansion required a second room after the first sold out. Exploring a passport game or giveaway to increase attendee engagement.

      Technical Program: Director Padovani shared that 17 abstracts had been received to date; and the submission deadline was extended one additional week.

      Tours & Activities: Director Crutchfield and Director Hiller provided an update. Golf tournament is scheduled and contracted, with the City of Vallejo identified as a sponsor. Two tours are confirmed, each accommodating 24 participants.
      Sponsorship: Former Director Bills shared the sponsorship committee's efforts, which are progressing well, with an estimated $40,000–$60,000 in sponsorship revenue anticipated.

Next steps include sponsor recognition on the website and in communications. AV costs are being reduced through coordination with Encore.

Communications: Director Romanazzi shared that outreach is underway via StarChapter, with continued development of the program. Support is needed for website updates and LinkedIn management. Plans include vendor highlights, potential opt-out options for attendee contact sharing, and increased cross-promotion.

9. **New Business**
   a. GRC BoD Discussion: Will Rice ..... Nate Pelczar
   President Pelczar shared that a vacancy can be declared by the President per the bylaws. We have many private sector members that have taken a part in chapter business.

   Motion to remove Director Rice from the Board - unanimous

   b. Nametags ..... Naomi Lue
   Vice President Lue presented wooden, domestically made name tags for executive and board members. Recommended to include a reminder at the beginning of a meeting to wear your name tag.

10. **Committee Reports**
   a. Audit ..... Amy Padovani
   b. Awards ..... Derek Crutchfield
   c. Bylaws ..... Rachel / Nate
   d. Communications / Website ..... Jennifer / Rachel
   Director Davis and Director Stolzenthaler shared a reminder with the Board regarding communications. The following outlines communication procedures and lead times required for emails, website and urgent updates. We also have a new LinkedIn Page.

Goal: to improve GRC media materials and content. Post GRC information efficiently with minimal editing.

Communication Committee Process

- Form: Include full edited text, links, graphics. To access, use this link: https://swananorcal.starchapter.com/form.php?form_id=17&c=1
- Urgent: Email All Text, Links, must be in form or clear email to Director Davis. Director Romanazzi is supporting the communications team with email requests specifically related to WRS.

Communication Committee Lead Times

Communication Type	Lead Time Needed
Emails	1 week
Website Updates	1 week
Graphic Requests	1 ½ weeks

LinkedIn: SWANA Gold Rush Chapter has a new LinkedIn Page! You can find it here: https://www.linkedin.com/company/swanagrc/

- Asking all Board Members to login in once every few weeks to share and promote WRS and GRC posts.

- In need of one volunteer to take the lead on posting new WRS materials

e. Legislative & Regulatory ..... Chris / Doug / Larry
Doug Kobold shared an update for the LTF. The LTF reorganized as its own 501c4. He also shared a detailed presentation on the legislation that the LTF is following. All GRC members are able to access LTF details found at Swanacal-leg.org.

f. Membership ..... Chris / Peni
Director Hiller is working with Director Romanazzi to manage communication plan, especially for WRS.

g. Nominations ..... Nate / Naomi
h. Programs & Workshops ..... Ruth Abbe
Past President Ghirardelli provided an update on a successful all day tour, tour of rural programs. Thank you to CalWaste, Gambi Disposal, and Calaveras County

i. Scholarship ..... Amy Padovani
Director Padovani shared that scholarships will open up on March 1; Scholarship committee will need to reconvene, review the website and form, and provide any changes or updates.

j. Symposium ..... Nate Pelczar
k. Training and Certification ..... Peni Basalusalu
l. YP Activities ..... Ameen Kunbargi

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Thanks to our Host and Sponsor: ***City of Fairfield****!*

City of Fairfield, CA

CASH BALANCE REPORT
January 2026

Account Type	Transaction Type	Date	Description	Amount	Interest Rate	Policy Range	Actual Ratio
BASIC CHECKING:							
#00283		1/1/2026	BEGINNING BALANCE	$6,143.89			
	Deposits:						
	Zelle		Jan GRC Guest Lunch Fees	$60.00			
	INT	1/31/2026	Interest Earned	$0.03			
			TOTAL DEPOSITS	**$60.03**			
	Expenditures:						
	POS	1/12/2026	DOJ Report Mailing	$6.56			
	Check #1544	1/14/2026	Joe Mariana R-Con Conference	$2,580.24			
	Check #1627	1/16/2026	J. Michale Hubber CPA Tax Prep	$1,995.00			
	Check #1628	1/16/2026	J. Michale Hubber CPA Tax Prep	$49.57			
	POS	1/30/2026	Etsy BoD Name Tag	$12.71			
			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$4,644.08			
		1/31/2026	ENDING BALANCE	**$1,559.84**	0.01%		
CHECKING SYMPOSIUM/MOLO:		1/1/2026	BEGINNING BALANCE	$75,201.14			
#12377	*Deposits:*						
	Square	1/1-31/2026	WRS	$26,511.55			
	Mobile Deposit	1/1-31/2026	WRS	$8,400.00			
		1/31/2026	Interest Earned	$0.69	0.01%		
			TOTAL DEPOSITS	**$110,113.38**		5% to 15%	**55%**
	Expenditures:						
	POS	1/6/2026	WRS Tour Shuttle Deposit	$300.00			
	POS	1/12/2026	WRS Golf Tournament Deposit	$250.00			
		1/23/2026	WRS Hotel Deposit	$20,000.00			
			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$20,550.00**			
		1/31/2026	ENDING BALANCE	**$89,563.38**			
TOTAL CHECKING				**$91,123.22**			
					0.01%		
SAVINGS:							
#23362		1/1/2026	BEGINNING BALANCE	$1,308.39	0%		
		1/31/2026	Interest Earned	$0.01			
		1/31/2026	ENDING BALANCE	**$1,308.40**		10% to 50%	**3%**
OTHER SAVINGS		9/15/2021	1/3 OF WRS-Sav Acct held by Southern Chapter	**$3,324.71**			
TOTAL SAVINGS				**$4,633.11**			
MONEY MARKET PLUS:		1/1/2026	BEGINNING BALANCE	$69,344.60			
#06674		1/31/2026	Interest Earned	$38.61	1.745%	15% to 60%	**42%**
	Expenditures:						
		1/31/2026	ENDING BALANCE	**$69,383.21**			
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:					4.879%		
CD #						20% to 70%	**0%**
	Transfer:						
TOTAL CDs				**$-**			

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED:	**CHECKING**	**$1,559.84**	0.01%	1%
	SYMP/MOLO	**$89,563.38**	0.00%	54%
	SAVINGS	**$1,308.40**	0.01%	1%
	MONEY MARKET	**$69,383.21**	1.745%	42%
	CD	**$-**	4.88%	0%
	Total Unrestricted	**$161,814.83**		
TOTAL RESTRICTED:	**SAVINGS (1/3 OF WRS)**	**$3,324.71**	0%	2%
GRAND TOTAL:		**$165,139.54**		100%

Wes Heathcock

Wes Heathcock, Treasurer

CASH BALANCE REPORT
February 2026

Account Type	Transaction Type	Date	Description	Amount	Interest Rate	Policy Range	Actual Ratio
BASIC CHECKING:							
#00283		2/1/2026	BEGINNING BALANCE	$1,559.84			
	Deposits:						
	Teller Dep	2/12/2026	2025 MOLO Revenue	$20,042.00			
	Teller Dep	2/18/2026	Membership Dues via Bill.com	$2,136.42			
	INT	2/28/2026	Interest Earned	$0.06			
			TOTAL DEPOSITS	**$22,178.48**			
	Expenditures:						
	Transfer	2/20/2026	Basic Checking Account 0283 Transfer to Account 02377	$20,042.00			
	Check #						
	POS						
			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$20,042.00			
		2/28/2026	ENDING BALANCE	**$3,696.32**	0.01%		
CHECKING SYMPOSIUM/MOLO:		2/1/2026	BEGINNING BALANCE	$89,563.38			
#12377	*Deposits:*						
	Square	2/2/2026	WRS	$67,166.41			
	Mobile Deposit	2/2/2026	WRS	$42,700.00			
	Transfer	2/23/2026	2025 MOLO Funding Transfer to Account 2377	$20,042.00			
		2/28/2026	Interest Earned	$1.07	0.01%		
			TOTAL DEPOSITS	**$219,472.86**		5% to 15%	**67%**
	Expenditures:						
	POS	2/23/2026	WRS Hotel Deposit	**$70,000.00**			
			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$70,000.00**			
		2/28/2026	ENDING BALANCE	**$149,472.86**			
TOTAL CHECKING				**$153,169.18**			
					0.01%		
SAVINGS:							
#23362		2/1/2026	BEGINNING BALANCE	$1,308.40	0%		
		2/28/2026	Interest Earned	$0.01			
		2/28/2026	ENDING BALANCE	**$1,308.41**		10% to 50%	**2%**
OTHER SAVINGS		9/15/2021	1/3 OF WRS-Sav Acct held by Southern Chapter	**$3,324.71**			
TOTAL SAVINGS				**$4,633.12**			
MONEY MARKET PLUS:		2/1/2026	BEGINNING BALANCE	$69,383.21			
#06674		2/28/2026	Interest Earned	$34.55	1.745%	15% to 60%	**31%**
	Expenditures:						
		2/28/2026	ENDING BALANCE	**$69,417.76**			
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:					4.879%		
CD #						20% to 70%	**0%**
	Transfer:						
TOTAL CDs				**$-**			

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED:	**CHECKING**	**$3,696.32**	0.01%	2%
	SYMP/MOLO	**$149,472.86**	0.00%	66%
	SAVINGS	**$1,308.41**	0.01%	1%
	MONEY MARKET	**$69,417.76**	1.745%	31%
	CD	**$-**	4.88%	0%
	Total Unrestricted	**$223,895.35**		
TOTAL RESTRICTED:	**SAVINGS (1/3 OF WRS)**	**$3,324.71**	0%	1%
GRAND TOTAL:		**$227,220.06**		100%

Wes Heathcock

Wes Heathcock, Treasurer

GOLD RUSH CHAPTER
STATEMENT OF BUDGET, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

Revenues	FY 2023-2024 Actuals	FY 2024 2025 Actuals	FY 2023-2024 Approved Budget	FY 2024-2025 Aproved Budget	**FY 2025-2026 Approved Budget**	FY 2025-2026 Actual As of February 28, 2026	NOTES for Budget FY 2025-2026
Membership Dues	$ 12,103	$ 6,823	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	**$ 12,000**	$ 6,946	
Sponsorship Revenue	-	$ 200	1,000	1,000	**1,000**	$ 500.00	
Board Meetings Reimbursement	20	$ 195	500	200	**200**	$ 720.00	Non-board member meal Reimb.
Savings/Money Market Interest	149	$ 524	50	200	**200**	$ 471.06	Int Savings/MMK only
CD Interest	2,442	$ 3,233	500	4,000	**2,560**	$ 1,565.21	New CD Only
Seminars/Webinars	-	$ -					
Symposium	-	$ 17,081	7,500	7,500	**25,000**		CA Chapter WRS Profit Share
MOLO	-	$ 6,190	2,500	1,500	**1,500**	$ 20,042.00	CA Chapter MOLO Profit Share
Other Courses Taught	-	$ -	-	-			
MRWMD Scholarship Contribution	-	$ -	500	500	**500**		Scholarship sponsorship- ReGen
2026 Symposium	-	-	-	-	**217,000**	$ 145,744.67	
Miscellaneous	108	$ 40	-	-		$ 351.00	Piece by Piece Credit Awards 2024
Total Revenues	$ 14,822	$ 34,286	$ 24,550	$ 26,900	**$ 259,960**	**$ 176,340**	

Expenditures	FY 2023-2024 Actuals	FY 2024-2025 Actuals	FY 2023-2024 Approved Budget	FY 2024-2025 Approved Budget	**FY 2025-2026 Approved Budget**	FY 2025-2026 Actual as of February 28, 2026	NOTES for Budget FY 2025-2026
Supplies/Postage/Printing	$ 66	$ 38	$ 500	$ 500	**500**	$ 333.91	postage including tax forms
Web/Tech/Com	2,415	$ 4,193	4,500	4,500	**4,500**	$ 1,113.95	All technology and cloud services related charges (Sep: Dropbox, camera, mic)
Travel	2,822	$ 2,556	2,500	3,500	**3,500**	$ 2,580.24	Past President Travel to Big SWANA
Board Meetings	8,057	$ 1,790	6,000	9,000	**9,000**	$ 2,297.64	Including Jul planning meeting
Installation Banquet	3,367	$ -	5,000				
Memberships	-	$ -	350	350	**350**		Retired board member
YP Events/Training/SWANA Events	-	$ 1,057	1,000	1,000	**1,000**	$ 896.23	
Scholarship Fund	8,000	$ 2,000	6,000	6,000	**6,000**		
Miscellaneous	200	$ 2,242	3,000	4,000	**4,000**	$ 6,122.26	Bud forPurchasing Gold pendants and annual awards and misc
MOLO Expense/Rev Share	-	$ -	-	-	**4,500**	$ 3,643.01	
Insurance	1,482	$ 1,469	1,750	2,000	**2,000**		GL and D&O Insurance
Tax Preparation Fee	2,265	$ 1,905	1,600	2,500	**2,500**	$ 2,044.57	Rea and Associates - tax preparation
Webinars	-	$ -	300	300	**300**		
2026 Symposium Expense	**40,665**	$ 5,000	-	-	**143,000**	**$ 90,550.01**	
Total Expenditures	$ 69,338	$ 22,250	$ 32,500	$ 33,650	**$ 181,150**	**$ 109,582**	
Net Gain or (Loss)	$ (54,516)	$ 12,036	$ (7,950)	$ (6,750)	**$ 78,810**	**$ 66,759**	

CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2025-2026

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

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VICE PRESIDENT:
Vacant

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1 Private Sector Director vacancy

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2025-2026

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4 Public Sector Director vacancies

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

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SWANA
CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS
Legislative Task Force

2025 OFFICERS

Chair Curtis Larkin, *Fresno County*
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Treasurer Frank Caponi, *Retired*
Secretary Deepti Jain, *City of Sunnyvale*

SWANA Legislative Task Force Meeting Agenda
January 22, 2026

10 am - 12 pm

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1. **Administrative Items (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**
   Roll Call, Introductions
   Quorum achieved: 13 voting members. Two voting members joined a little late.

   a. Approval of November Meeting Minutes (Deepti)
      Frank moved the motion, Chris seconded – motion approved
   b. Approval of November & December Treasurer's Report (Frank)
      Key Discussion Points
      - **Annual Meeting Cost and Budget:**
        The annual meeting cost and the budgeted amount were reviewed and discussed.
      - **Annual Audit:**
        It was agreed that the first Fiscal Year (FY) audit may present challenges due to:
        - **Transfer of Old Accounts:** Transition from Calendar Year (CY) to Fiscal Year (FY).
        - **Audit Timing:** The audit will take place in November during the annual meeting, after the FY is complete.
      - **Treasurer's Report:**
        - Decision to incorporate notes at the bottom of the expenses table in the Treasurer's Report for clarity and transparency.
        - October report will be redistributed to chapter directors with notes added.
        - Doug mentioned that the only requirement for the quarterly report is to track expenses.
        - Next month's report will include revenue from the 2025 Western Regional Symposium (WRS).
      - **Action Item:**
        Reapprove October, November, December, and January 2026 combined report in the next month's meeting.

   c. Officer's update
      I. SWANA LTF dues disbursement to LTF update (Curtis)
         Doug is working on cleaning up the surcharge language and license Agreement.
      II. Legal updates (Curtis)
      III. Reminder to new Directors; sign Conflict of Interest (COI) document sent by Deepti and return ASAP – Deepti to resend forms; members to submit ASAP.
         Larry raised concerns about language; may require legal review.
      IV. Insurance (Sharon)
         No update
      V. Election of Officers (Curtis)
         1. Do we align with the fiscal year? Delaying the election till Nov?
      VI. Director's Responsibilities (Curtis)

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1. Read legislation to familiarize oneself in preparation for meetings
Meeting Preparedness: Curtis reemphasized the importance of coming prepared to meetings and reviewing relevant legislation beforehand to ensure productive discussions.

2. Participation in committees / Work Plan development (editing, formatting, content, etc.)
Missed January 10 deadline per MOU; aim to finalize ASAP.
Monique noted that the Work Plan has numerous edits and is taking longer to finalize.
Curtis emphasized the importance of meeting the Work Plan distribution date for chapters. Chris suggested considering a clear timeline for Work Plan distribution.
Jane stressed that substantive comments should be completed before the annual meeting in November, and December should be dedicated to finalizing the document.

Decision: LTF officers approved this timeline for Work Plan completion and distribution.

d. WRS LTF Presentation Planning
LTF Presentation Confirmed:
LTF will present at the Western Regional Symposium on April 22, 2026, from 9:50 AM to 11:00 AM.
Tentative list of Topics:
- LTF 101
- Legislation 101
- Other updates

Presenter: Dylan will attend and lead the Legislation 101 segment.
Recommendation: Joe suggested that the LTF presentation should become a standing item at WRS on a regular basis to showcase the value and advocacy efforts of the LTF.

e. Website update, new lead (Jane)
No update. Jane will coordinate with Doug

f. 2026 Work Plan (Also discussed under Item# C.VI.2)
I. Sections due now
II. Distribution to Chapters by?
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III. Follow up on outreach items, Monique to take lead?
Chris emphasized the need to finalize outreach materials before the Western Regional Symposium (WRS) in April.
Suggested making outreach a standing agenda item to ensure consistent progress.
Monique will take the lead on outreach coordination.
Materials will be shared with chapter presidents, who will then distribute them to their respective chapter members.

g. 2026 LTF Adopted budget distributed to Chapters by 2/1/26?
Frank will email the revised reports to Curtis and Deepti.
Curtis will distribute the finalized reports to the chapter directors.

h. 26 March in-person meeting presenters/guests?
Deepti on Leave

i. Lobby day (May?)

2. SWANA Update (Joe)

The Advisory Committee meeting was held recently. RCON will take place in St. Louis later this year.
SWANA membership has plateaued, and there is increased attention on financial sustainability.
Joe will report back with more details on the SWANA budget outlook at a future meeting.

3. **Legislative Review (11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) (Dylan)**

Legislative Update: The Legislature reconvened in January to begin the second year of the two-year session. Bills currently in the Senate or Assembly Appropriations Committees must complete their review process and take action by the end of this month to meet the House of Origin deadline.
February 20 is the deadline for introducing new bills, so a surge in bill introductions is expected as that date approaches.

a. 2026 Governor's Proposed Budget
b. AB 28 (Schiavo) Solid waste landfills: subsurface temperatures.
    I. Oppose unless amended
    II. Status: The bill is a two-year bill currently sitting on the Senate floor.
    It has been paused because regulatory agencies requested additional time for review before moving forward.

c. AB 80 (Aguiar-Curry) Carpet recycling.
    I. Support
    II. Two-year bill
d. AB 762 (Irwin) Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition.
    I. Support
    II. Passed Assembly Appropriations; LTF maintains support position.

e. AB 864 (Ward) Hazardous waste: solar photovoltaic modules.
    I. Watch
    II. Two-year bill. Watch position maintained
f. AB 998 (Hadwick) Household hazardous waste: vape pens
    I. Support
    II. Two-year bill. Likely dead; may return under same Bill number
g. *AMENDED SB 501 (Allen) Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022: covered batteries.
    I. Support
    II. Senate Appropriations Committee:
    The bill was significantly amended and has passed the Senate Appropriations Committee.
    III. Position Change: LTF's position has been changed to Watch. The position will need to be readopted at a future meeting
h. SB 615 (Allen) Vehicle traction batteries.
    I. Watch
    II. Two-year bill
i. SB 633 (Blakespear) Beverage containers: recycling.
    I. Watch
    II. Two-year bill
j. *NEW SB 881 (McNerney) Income taxation: credits: food bank donations
    I. Introduced
    II. Similar to SB353. Watch; impact on SB1383 edible food recovery noted
k. *New 1604 bill- position watch
l. *New 1617 – Clean-up bill to align reporting timeline for Form 303. position -watch

m. SB58 – regulatory framework for H2S odors. Position – Watch and take a position in the next meeting It is expected to pass senate.
n. Larry is working with Senator Blakespear on a ban of nitrous oxide cylinders – Bill doesn't have a name yet.
o. CPSC is introducing a AB 1860 – 2008 cleanup bill regarding recalled products
p. AB914 Indirect source rule – not moving/ big win for LTF. Larger coalition has been working on this. The author will be introducing a new bill so they are not quite done with ISR.

4. **Regulatory Update (time permitting)**
   a. Budget and AB 914 (email from Dylan re: AB 28 / AB 914)

Governor's Proposed Budget (January 9): Additional funding proposed for **subsurface fires**, regulatory framework updates, and enhanced enforcement. Dylan noted uncertainty about whether a **policy framework** will accompany this funding allocation.
Significant staffing increases planned:
CalRecycle: 4 FTE positions, $1.95M allocation. Additional positions for **Water Board** and **DTSC**.
LMR Rule: Upcoming meeting with **CARB (Air Board) staff** to discuss next steps.
Toxic Hotspots Testing: Discussion on how monitoring will be implemented; decision points pending.
CalRecycle Workshop: Focused on **covered embedded battery products**; confusion among e-waste vendors noted.
HHW Load Check Program: CDTFA electronic form due March 2; compliance required even for fee-exempt programs.

5. **Rumors (time permitting)**
   Meeting adjourned at 11:51.

Attachments:
1. Attendance Roster
2. Bill Matrix

March 2, 2026

Dear Public and Private Sector Gold Rush Chapter (GRC) Members,

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

I am reaching out to you to announce that Nate Pelczar has stepped down from GRC due to a change in employment and on Friday, I succeeded Nate as **Chapter President**. We wish him all the best in his endeavors, and I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and serving as your President.

DIRECTOR OPENINGS

On behalf of the Nominations Committee for the SWANA Gold Rush Chapter, we are excited to announce a great opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors representing a Public or Private Sector Agency. **We anticipate 5-6 potential Director openings**. The typical commitment would be for a two-year term, beginning in July of 2026 and extending through June 2028.

The Chapter seeks those with ideas and energy to continue to propel the Chapter as it serves its members here in Northern, Bay Area, and Central Coast California. As a Board Member, you will be expected to participate in the Board Meetings (typically 2-3 hours, 6x per year) as well as participate in Board Committees. If you are interested in this great professional opportunity, **please provide the requested information below** to me by email no later than end of day, **Wednesday, March 18th**. If you have questions or wish to discuss, please feel free contact me directly by email or phone.

Additional Required Information and Background:

The expectations from the Chapter are that you will attend Chapter / Board meetings scheduled every other month. Please see Previous Meetings as an indication of the number, frequency, and locations of the meetings. In-person meetings are typically rotated around the region from Sacramento to Monterey Bay area and in between, and one meeting per year is anticipated as a planned remote meeting. When feasible, we may accommodate remote participation in other hybrid Chapter / Board meetings. The Chapter expects Directors to participate actively in Committees. You will be expected to chair at least one Committee and be a member of at least two more.

Finally, in light of an abundance of interest in these positions, we respectfully request your expression of interest in this position to enable the Nominations Committee to evaluate their options. Please provide a brief statement of why you want to be involved in the SWANA Gold Rush Chapter as a Board Member and the benefits you expect the Chapter will experience as a result of your participation.

Actions Requested:
In your email response to president@swananorcal.org by 3/18, please provide the following below:

1. **Please express your commitment to attend Board meetings.**
2. **Please express your willingness to chair at least one Committee and participate in two additional Committees. Please indicate which Committees are of initial interest to you.**
3. **Please provide a brief statement of the benefits the Gold Rush Chapter will receive from your participation as a Board member.**
4. **Please specify if you are applying for a Public or a Private Sector Director position.**

MARCH 27th CHAPTER MEETING

We invite and encourage your attendance at Chapter / Board meetings! Our next meeting will be held remotely and is scheduled for **Friday, March 27, 2026** from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP here for planning purposes.

Naomi Lue, President
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SWANA WESTERN REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM

GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY
APRIL 20, 2026

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DETAILS

Shotgun Start at 8:00AM
Breakfast available at 7:00AM

Join us for a morning of fun and friendship at the Foxtail Golf Club, which is located in the heart of Wine Country in Sonoma County. Foxtail Golf Course is a premeir course that features 18 holes that will challenge any golf enthusist.

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