CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH CHAPTER
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 15, 2026

LOCATION: Roseville Utility Exploration Center at 1501 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747
Virtual Meeting – Zoom Link, Meeting ID: 869 1947 3787, Passcode: 139034

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

1. **Call to Order** (notice of no recording).....Naomi Lue
   President Lue called the meeting to order at 10:10AM.

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	P	Carrie Baxter	Secretary	P
(Vacant)	Vice President		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	P
Peni Basalusalu	City of Stockton	P	Patrick Mathews	Salinas Valley WMA	P
Derek Crutchfield	City of Vallejo	P	Felipe Melchor	ReGen Monterey	P
Kimberly Cook	Agromin	P	Amy Padovani	Geosyntec	P
Rachel Davis	Yolo County	P	Lauren Romanazzi	SCS Engineers	E
Mark Ellis	Enthalpy	P	Tami Stolzenthaler	City of Watsonville	P
Chris Hiller	Waga Energy	P			

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

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

5. **President's Comments**.....Naomi Lue
   a. Resignation of Patrick Matthews, Kimberly Cook, and Rachel Davis
      President Lue shared that since our last Board meeting Patrick Matthews, Kimberly Cook, and Rachel Davis will be stepping down from their Director positions leaving vacancies for the Public and Private Sector Directors.

   b. Acknowledgement - Western Regional Symposium 2026
      President Lue thanked Director Hiller for stepping up to take the lead as WRS Committee Chair and all the members for their support in a successful 2026 WRS.

6. **Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2026 meeting**..... Carrie Baxter
   The March 27, 2026 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

7. **Correspondence**..... Carrie Baxter
Secretary Baxter reported that there continued to be an increase in inquiries about the WRS that have been responded to timely.

8. **Treasurer's Report**..... Wes Heathcock
   a. Cash Balance Reports – March and April 2026
   b. Statements of Budget, Revenue, and Expenditure – Through April 2026
   c. BMO Update

   Treasurer Heathcock reported March and April 2026 cash balances, and summarized statement of budget, revenue, and expenditures through April 2026. Treasurer Heathcock reported that he and President Lue have updated BMO signatures on the GRC bank account.

9. **Old Business**..... Naomi Lue
   a. Meeting Schedule

   2026
   - July 24 – Longevity Wines (Alameda County), Tentative Tour
   - Sept 18 – Tentative Monterey / Santa Cruz County, Annual Awards
   - Nov 20 – Tentative Yolo County

   2027
   - Jan 22 - Virtual
   - Mar 19 - Tent. Sacramento County
   - April 26-29 - WRS in San Diego (So Cal Chapter Host)
   - May 21 - Tent. Yuba / Sutter County

10. **New Business**
   a. Legislative Update ..... Naomi Lue
   President Lue introduced Doug Kobold, SWANA Legislative Task Force. A presentation was provided by Jason Schmeizer, Partner of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (SYASL)

   b. Election Results / Director's Slate..... Naomi Lue/ Carrie Baxter
   Secretary Baxter shared that there have been 41 votes in favor of the Director's Slate as of 10:00AM on May 15, 2026. We received nominations and presented the slate to the Board on March 27. Our bi-laws allow for proxy voting, which we accomplish by e-voting sent out by email to GRC members beginning on April 29, 2026. The 41 votes received, does meet the minimum 10% approval from membership. President Lue announced the approval of the slate.

Directors' Slate Term 2026-28			
Public Sector:		*Private Sector:*	
Peni Basalusalu		*Mark Ellis*	
Nominated:	*Cesar Zuniga*	*Chris Hiller*	
Nominated:	*Michelle White*	*Lauren Romanazzi*	
Nominated:	*Brian Liebich*	*Nominated:*	*Bill Schmierer*

   c. Chapter Installation Ceremony & Oath of Office.....Dave Ghiradelli
   Past-President Ghirardelli conducted the installation oath for the elected Chapter Officers for a 1 year term.

Officers' Slate Term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027	
President	*Naomi Lue*
Vice President	*Carrie Baxter*
Treasurer	*Wes Heathcock*
Secretary	*TBD*
Past President	*Dave Ghirardelli*

d. Scholarship Award Recommendation ..... Wes Heathcock
Treasurer Heathcock shared that two scholarship applications were received and are being recommended for award to Briah Urman, Lara Detweiler Padovani. A motion was made by Director Davis and seconded by Director Basalusalu. Motion passed, Director Padovani and Director LaMariana abstained.

11. **Western Regional Symposium – Debrief April 20-23, 2026 Conference**
a. WRS Committee Chair ..... Chris Hiller
b. WRS Communications / Website ..... Lauren Romanazzi
c. WRS Hospitality / Tours / Golf Tournament ..... Derek Crutchfield / Chris Hiller
d. WRS Hotel ..... Chris Hiller
e. WRS Programs / PDHs ..... Amy Padovani
f. WRS Registration ..... Ruth Abbe
g. WRS Sponsorship ..... Tracie Bills
h. WRS Survey Results ..... Chris Hiller
i. WRS Trade Show ..... Kimberly Cook
j. 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

Meeting adjourned at 1:15PM.

Next Gold Rush Chapter Board Meeting:
Date and time: July24, 2026; 9:30AM to 2:00PM
Meeting location:
Longevity Wines, 2271 S, Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94550
Facility Tour location:
To be finalized

Agenda and Attachments:
1) Meeting Agenda
2) President's WRS Opening Remarks
3) March 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes
4) Cash Report Through April 2026
5) Statement of Budget through April 2026
6) LTF 101
7) LTF Priorities List
8) SWANA Legislative Matrix
9) Scholarship Award Recommendation
10) WRS Chair Summary