CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH CHAPTER
MEETING AGENDA

DATE: July 24, 2026

LOCATION:
Longevity Wines, 2271 South Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94550
Republic Services / Vasco Road Landfill, 4001 North Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551
(Bus provided from Longevity to Vasco Road Landfill and back by Republic)

Virtual meeting information: Zoom link, Meeting ID: 814 0916 8605, Passcode: 537996

9:30AM to 12:30PM: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. **Call to Order** (notice of no recording) ..... Naomi Lue
   President Lue called the meeting to order at 9:45AM.

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	(Vacant)	Secretary	n/a
Carrie Baxter	Vice President	P	Dave Ghirardelli	Past President	E
Wes Heathcock	Treasurer	P			
DIRECTORS					
Name	**Organization**	**P/E/A**	**Name**	**Organization**	**P/E/A**
Ruth Abbe	Abbe & Associates	P	Felipe Melchor	ReGen Monterey	P
Peni Basalusalu	City of Stockton	E	Amy Padovani	Geosyntec Consultants	P
Derek Crutchfield	City of Vallejo	E	Lauren Romanazzi	SCS Engineers	P
Mark Ellis	Onterris	P	Bill Schmierer	Geosyntec Consultants	P
Chris Hiller	Waga Energy	P	Tami Stolzenthaler	City of Watsonville	P
Joe La Mariana	ReThink Waste	E	Michelle White	City of Roseville	P
Brian Liebich	County of Sacramento	P	Cesar Zuñiga	Salinas Valley Recycles	P

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

5. **President's Comments**..... Naomi Lue
   a. New Young Professionals Representative, Jonathon Martinez – Icebreaker
      - *President Lue introduced the new Young Professionals Representative, Jonathon Martinez. Jonathon facilitated an icebreaker activity and collected information from attendees to support the YP program.*
   b. New Audio/Visual Technology – Meeting Owl – Zoom hybrid option for Watsonville
      - *President Lue shared that the GRC purchased a new Owl, which is an audio / visual technology to allow for better hybrid meeting options.*
   c. SoCal SWANA Workshop 9/10 in Long Beach, WRS 4/26-29 in San Diego

6. **Approval of Minutes** of May 15, 2026 meeting ..... Carrie Baxter
The May 15, 2026 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
Motion: Director Melchor, 2nd: Director Padovani, approved unanimously

7. **Correspondence** ..... Carrie Baxter
    a. University of Nebraska at Omaha – Research Invitation

Vice President Baxter reported that we received a request from the University of Nebraska at Omaha to help share information about an academic study examining leadership and continuous improvement practices at privately operated Material Recovery Facilities. The study is seeking eligible MRF leaders to participate in a confidential virtual interview or focus group. If anyone is interested please reach out to President Lue or Vice President Baxter directly.

8. **Treasurer's Report** ..... Wes Heathcock
    a. Cash Balance Reports – May and June 2026
    b. Statements of Budget, Revenue, and Expenditure – Through June 2026

Treasurer Heathcock reported May and June 2026 cash balances, and summarized statement of budget, revenue, and expenditures through June 2026.

Motion to approve the update: Director Abbe, 2nd: Director Schmierer, approved unanimously.

    c. Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2026/27 - Draft

Treasurer Heathcock presented the draft budget for FY 2026-27.

Motion to approve the update: Director Abbe, 2nd: Director White, approved unanimously.

9. **Old Business**
    a. Meeting Schedule ..... Naomi Lue
        - Sept 18 – Monterey & Santa Cruz Counties
        - Nov 20 – Yolo County (Tentative)
        - Jan 22 – Virtual
        - Mar 19 – Sacramento County (Tentative)
        - May 21 – Yuba & Sutter Counties (Tentative)
    b. Board Roster – Updated, Nametags..... Naomi Lue

10. **New Business**
    a. Election of Secretary..... Naomi / Carrie / Dave
        - *Director Romanazzi was elected to the position of Secretary. President Lue conducted the installation oath.*
    b. Legislative Task Force 26/27 Confirmation of Appointments ..... Naomi Lue
        - *President Lue shared that Doug Kobold, Joe La Mariana, Chris Hanson, Deepti Jain, and Larry Sweetser have confirmed their appointment to the Legislative Task Force for 2026-27. GRC members can reach out to Naomi if interested in being part of the LTF.*
        - *Larry Sweetser provided a comprehensive legislative update.*
    c. SWANA International Road-E-O, GRC Chair ..... Naomi Lue
        - *Director Liebich stepped up to be the GRC regional Road-E-O representative.*
    d. Annual Awards - Nominations..... Carrie for Derek
        - *Awards nominations are due to Director Crutchfield by COB August 21st.*
    e. Committee Chairs, Assignments, and Narratives ..... Naomi Lue

11. **Committee Reports**
    a. Audit ..... Amy Padovani
    b. Awards ..... Derek Crutchfield
    c. Bylaws ..... Naomi Lue
    d. Communications / Website ..... Tami / Bill
    e. Legislative & Regulatory ..... Deepti / Joe / Christina / Doug / Larry
    f. Membership ..... Chris / Peni
    g. Nominations ..... Naomi / Carrie / Wes
    h. Programs & Workshops ..... Ruth Abbe
    i. Road-E-O ..... TBD
    j. Scholarship ..... Amy Padovani
    k. Symposium ..... Chris Hiller
    l. Training and Certification ..... Peni Basalusalu
    m. YP Activities ..... Jonathon Martinez

12. **Suggested Topics for Next Meeting** ..... Naomi Lue
    a. *Details of the technical webinar hosted by Director Abbe will be added as an agenda item for the September 2026 Board meeting.*
    b. *Future operational expenses for WRS and providing staff support to our chapter*

Meeting adjourned at 12:39pm.

1:00PM to 2:00PM: FACILITY TOUR

Next Gold Rush Chapter Board Meeting:
Date and time: September 18, 2026; 10:00AM to 2:00PM
Meeting location: City of Watsonville Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Ln, Watsonville, CA 95076
Facility tour: City of Watsonville Wastewater Recycling Plant and LEED Green Building