



A collaborative effort to reduce wildfire risk through education, communication, and public awareness, to protect our communities and natural resources.

Feb 19 - Leadership Meeting

Officers

Chair:

Secretary: Andy Martsof

Treasurer: Pete Firmin

Non-Officer Voting Council

Rusty Lloyd

David Varner

Mercedes Cameron

Ashley Sisneros

Location:

CWLT (1006 Main St, Grand Junction, CO 81501)

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Operational Coordinating Items:

Administrative Items:

- Treasurers Report ([year end PandL](#), [Budget vs. Actuals](#) for Jan, tax update)
- Grant updates (Submitted \$ 10,402.69-CSFS, FRWRM (2), WCCF, upcoming (SFA-WUI, BOR, etc.), Intern)
- TRWC Status: Colorado Secretary of State:
 - [Charitable Organization Registration](#) (thanks Ashley)
 - Filed Annual Report to maintain "Good Standing" (thanks Pete!)
- [Website](#) updated!
- [TRWC 2025 Impact Report](#)
- [Blog post from the Jan 2026 Learning Exchange](#)
- [Community Wildfire Mitigation Best Practices Workshop](#) coming up on March 2-4 in GJ!
- The Role of Wildfire Mitigation in Real Estate Course coming hopefully this summer!
- Fundraising plan ideas

Agency Update:

Voting Items:

- "Election of Officers and Voting Council Members will regularly occur prior to the end of the fiscal year, which is the end of February, such that elected terms will begin March 1. Non-regular elections may be held as needed to fulfill Officer and Voting Council rosters."
- [Nomination for Ashley Sisneros](#) to join the voting board
 - Motion to accept Ashley (andy, 2nd merce)
- Nominate and Vote on Chair
 - Motion to nominate David (Merce, 2nd Andy)

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Leadership Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

- The meeting convened at 9:00 AM.

2. Members Present

- Pete Firmin
- John Rizza
- Dave Varner
- Merce Cameron
- Andy Martsolf
- Rusty Lloyd
- Ashley Sisneros

3. Treasurer's Report

- Pete presented the Treasurer's Report.
- John restated that he is preparing and filing FRWRM and CA reports/claims on alternating months.
- John introduced the budget vs actual financial report.
- John reported that efforts are underway to get taxes caught up.

4. Grant Updates

- Total current grant claims: \$10,402.69 (FRWRM).
- Unsuccessful on the Biomass FRWRM grant.
- Received \$232K Glade Park FRWRM grant.
- Received \$5K WCCF unrestricted grant.
- Coordination with CSFS on intern work planning.
- Meeting with Workforce Development Program regarding a 200–400 hour intern program.
- SFA-WUI Grant – Documents are in order; no deadline for application yet.

5. Website Update

- John presented the new website.
- Members were asked to review and report any elements that may not be working correctly.

6. Community Impact Report

- John presented and discussed the Community Impact Report.

7. Upcoming Events

- Mitigation Best Practice Workshop – March 2–4 in Grand Junction.
- Discussion of an opportunity to offer a course titled: 'The Role of Wildfire Mitigation in Real Estate' – possibly this summer.

8. Voting

- Motion/Second (Andy/Merce) to appoint Ashley Sisneros as a voting member of the Board – Motion passed.
- Motion/Second (Merce/Andy) to appoint Dave Viner as Chair – Motion passed.

9. Fundraising & Merchandise

- John distributed coalition hats and discussed selling hats at \$25 each.

10. Administrative Support Discussion

- John introduced the idea of obtaining administrative assistance.
- The group discussed growing pains and options for addressing administrative needs in the future.

11. Calendar Review

- The calendar was reviewed.

12. Next Meeting

- Next Board Meeting: April 16 (location may change).
- June meeting will need to be rescheduled.

13. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

April 8 - Leadership Meeting

Officers

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Secretary: Andy Martsolf
Treasurer: Pete Firmin

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Rusty Lloyd
Mercedes Cameron
Ashley Sisneros

Partners

Hallie Flynn

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Administrative Items:

- Treasurer's Report ([Balance Sheet Folder](#), [P&L Folder](#), [Budget vs Actuals Folder](#) ([Q1 summary](#)), tax documents submitted to preparer)
- Grant updates (New SOW received from FRWRM (Glade Park Implementation), (SFA-WUI) Submitted with REW-BOR), Intern update)
- Follow up - [Community Wildfire Best Practices Workshop Overview March, 2026 Grant Junction, ...](#)
- The Role of Wildfire Mitigation in Real Estate Course coming this Sept!
- WUI Code efforts with County and Jurisdictions - Field Maps and mapping efforts
- [Position Description: Community Specialist DRAFT](#)
- Discuss potential office space opportunities for a couple days a week
- Fundraising plan ideas workshop with WRWC April 10
- Learning Exchange at Turner Gulch Fire May

Agency Updates:

County NR annual meeting - connect with Amber on this effort to be on the invite list

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August 20 - Leadership Meeting

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[David Varner](#)

[Andy Martsof](#)

[John Rizza](#)

[Mike Jones](#)

[Mercedes Cameron](#)

[Rusty Lloyd](#)

[Ashley Sisneros](#)

Operational Coordinating Items:

- [September Learning Exchange will be rescheduled. John will coordinate new date.](#)

Administrative Items:

- Treasurer's Report ([Balance Sheet Folder](#), [P&L Folder](#), [Budget vs Actuals Folder](#))
 - Circle Fund (\$8,000) Awarded
 - Proposal to get additional time/help from Heather
 - \$50/hr, 4 hours a month to start (\$200/month; \$2400/yr)
 - Will be purchasing batch of 50 quickbook [basic voucher checks](#) (\$56 plus shipping)
 - (m) David, (s) Merce, all in favor.
- Fundraising Work Team Update - Wildfire Mitigation Luncheon - May 2027 (Ashley)
- Grant updates
 - CSFS FRWRM (Glade Park Implementation),
 - Reimbursement submitted for 2 projects; 24.5 of 192 acres; \$10,252.88
 - [Discussed FRWRM scope challenges.](#)
 - CSFS SFA-WUI - in process (~\$250k in matching implementation)
 - [John is working through this process identifying work areas and getting landowner agreements. CPW is also involved where state land is involved.](#)
 - BLM CA - \$110k renewal in process, award made, specifics being navigated
 - \$50k MCSO

- \$50k LVFD
 - \$11k TRWC
 - Goal is to maintain funding to these organizations doing mitigation work.
- New grant opportunities ?
 - CWDG
 - FRWRM capacity?
 - Others?
- Contractor questionnaire and supplied list for LOs?
 - John will work on developing a list and consider criteria for inclusion.
- The [Role of Wildfire Mitigation in Real Estate Course](#) coming this Oct 21, 2026 with GJARA!
 - FACO will host and TRWC will help coordinate.
- Say thank you to Merce for her efforts as she steps away from her official role as board member
 - Thank you, Merce, for all of your efforts with TRWC!
- Learning Exchange Sept - Possible in Plateau Valley

Agency Updates:

Voting Items:

- Nomination to accept [Prospective Board Member MacKenzie Holbrook](#) as new board member

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