I. Welcome/Thank You for Attending
President Endicott welcomed everyone and the forty-five attendees did a round of fun introductions.

II. Board and Staff in Attendance
Jeff Endicott                  President, Director
Jeanne Duarte                Administrative Vice President, Treasurer, Director
Danny Reynaga                 Secretary, Director
Tyler Palmer                  Director
Dwight Blackburn              Director
Julie Etra                    Director
Richard Dunbar                Director
Ron Dietz                     Director
Cyndi Brinkhurst             Administrative Assistant

III. Brief Chapter Update
Accomplishments
• 2017 – Revenue exceeded expenditures since 2015. This was accomplished by cutting costs, obtaining sponsors and holding events
• Dust Control Workshop – Phoenix in January
• Reno, Carson City, Lake Tahoe Field Trip in July highlights
• Several Newsletters
• Filled all Board positions for 2017
• Significant presence at Conference in Atlanta and held Chapter Meeting
• Outstanding Communication and Outreach - Partners for Excellence Award.
• 414 members to date; largest Chapter others SE 337, Great Lakes 242, Mt. 256.

2018 & Beyond
• February 2018 – IECA Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA
  o Scholarship Support Update
    - Four scholarships were approved at the last board meeting, with caveat that recipients need to be from Western Chapter area schools. Only two students met the approved criteria.
    - The Board approved supporting a student from England (Emily Dowdeswell-Soil Science PhD Student, Cranfield University School of Water, Energy, and Environment) with a $500 scholarship.
• Held Making Waves International Reception at Aquarium
  o 165 tickets purchased
  o Hosted guests from the following locations
  
  - New Zealand
  - South Africa
  - Netherlands
  - Queensland
  - Australia
  - Canada
  - Chili
  - Panamá
  - AL
  - AZ
  - CA
  - CO
  - CT
  - HI
  - ID
  - IL
  - IN
  - MD
  - MN
  - NC
  - NM
  - NV
  - NY
  - OH
  - SC
  - TX
  - VA
  - WA

  o Thank you to all the sponsors, band members, volunteers and all attendees

• Master Level Erosion Control Class April/May 2018
  o Mike Harding/Julie Etra

• Summer 2018 - East Bay Event
  o Possible ideas include
    - Napa Field Tour of Fire/Vineyard Restoration- revisit sites looking at soil amendments, compost, horticulture
    - South Bay - Bay Resiliency/Climate Change/ Urban Landscape
    - Oakland Army Base
    - LID Green Infrastructure
    - Guadalupe River
    - Lennar Homes Construction Sites like Mare Island

• January-March 2019 Hawaii Event
  o Possible ideas include
    - Ron Gonzales of Hawaii has volunteered to be our point contact

IV. Survey & Raffle Items
Business cards were gathered from the attendees and drawn from to give away the items not claimed on Sunday. The survey will be sent to those in attendance.

V. Newsletter
• Articles were requested within the next month.
  o A list of topics that would like articles on might be helpful to entice contributors.
    - Professional papers were requested.

VI. Continue Networking
The meeting adjourned and attendees were encouraged to grab a leftover gift bag and continue socializing.

Minutes submitted by Cyndi Brinkhurst – WCIECA Admin.