

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes  
EBMUD – Adeline Facility  
1100 21<sup>st</sup> St  
Oakland, CA  
June 13, 2017**

**Objective:**

The primary mission of California Regional Common Ground Alliance (CARCGA) is to eliminate safety risks to life, health, and property while also preventing damage to underground infrastructure and vital public services.

CARCGA will accomplish this mission by: encouraging stakeholders to accept and fulfill their shared responsibility in damage prevention; welcoming all stakeholders within California and encouraging their participation in CARCGA; educating members and non-members regarding Common Ground Alliance Best Practices; identifying issues concerning damage prevention and attempting to construct practices to resolve them; exchanging ideas and information with other CGA Regional Partners.

When a new damage prevention practice is created, CARCGA may forward the practice on to the CGA Best Practices Committee for their consideration. CARCGA's efforts in damage prevention will help eliminate damages to underground infrastructure, interruption to vital services, safety risks, accidents and fatalities.

When citing examples of incidents, please refer to the parties involved anonymously.

**1. Call to Order:**

Marshall Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and read the objective.

**2. Attendance – See sign in sheet at end**

**3. CPUC Rural Call Completion Order**

The group joined a conference call about 211, 711 & 811 call issues. It was said that dialing short codes was now provided by all telephone providers. The meeting is looking at issues with call completions and how to educate telephone service providers to allow access to the short codes as well as the end user. 211 hasn't been completed in all counties; they have about 20 rural counties that should have 211 access in the next 2 to 5 years. There was a brief discussion on ghost calls. As far as 811 calls are concerned, there have been some that can't reach it from hotels but that would be an issue with the hotel telephone switch not allowing for 3-digit dialing. The notification centers have 800 numbers to give callers that end up with the other center that doesn't handle where the work will be taking place. Voice over Internet calls are the main ones that don't go through.

**4. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Marshall asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. Shawn Nesis motioned to accept the minutes as emailed. Jerry Bufford seconded. The motion carried.

**5. CEC Dig-In Prevention Project**

David Feliciano from PG&E presented a project they have been working on with the Gas Technology Institute that raises situational awareness of underground lines through technology. When a piece of digging equipment gets near a gas transmission line an alarm will go off. They are looking for more equipment to test in the PG&E service area. There were questions about cost of device (less than \$500 per unit but unsure on the associated service), false positives (the device needs to get a good GPS signal and then stabilize), and

why not have the devices given during the onsite meeting required for high priority lines and returned at the end of the job. Pete Cerda has been testing the device and said it works great and would like to see it notify of all types of lines. James Wingate said the center could host all the data from the members. Paul Evans said during their potholing they have kept records of lines and even their depths that could be provided.

## **6. CGA Update**

Ann Diamond said that the CGA 811 balloon is still moving across the country on its way to Virginia for 8-11 day. She said that next year's CGA conference will be in Phoenix from March 6 to 8. During April's National Safe Digging Month the notification centers promoted "Can You Dig It" and California won again – we had almost 5,000 more "players" than the 2<sup>nd</sup> place state – Florida. Ryan White said that while the CGA horseracing didn't have big winners as in years past, the media coverage would be equivalent to over 3 million dollars.

## **7. Notification Center Updates**

James Wingate was introduced as the new general manager of USA North 811 who started last week. He had been with Blue Stakes of Utah 811 for 17 years. His long-term goal is to get local map data instead of relying on commercial vendors. Ryan said that USA North 811's tickets had increased 8% but transmissions were down 5%. 62% of calls are coming in on 811. He said that web tickets were at 40%. He said that their app is nearing completion and should be ready mid-July. Their new 811Express and website will be coming soon. Paul Evans asked about the phone outage a couple of weeks ago and how someone could contact them. Ryan said that the phone carrier went down and they used email and social media to notify people to use their website for tickets.

Ann reported that year-to-date DigAlert was up 7% in tickets and transmission with 43% of the tickets being done online. A big reason for the 43% is that 81% of the updates are being done online. Almost 73% of the calls are coming in on 811. She also mentioned that DigAlert along with USA North 811, George 811, Blue Stakes of Utah 811, Colorado 811, North Carolina 811, Ohio Utilities Protection Service, J.U.L.I.E. (the center for Illinois) and Alabama 811 will be "making a difference" sponsoring a float for the 2018 Rose Parade. An artist's rendering of the float can be seen [here](#). She said that the center is working on implementing the new ticket format for continual excavation tickets, electronic positive response and after 40 years using Thomas Guide grids as the mapping system the center is switching to shape file notifications.

Marshall asked the centers about Geocoding for cities and that tickets having different spellings for the same city can cause problems for parsing. Ann said that at DigAlert cities are pulled from a drop-down menu for the county. However, if work is in the city of Eastvale the zip code is a Corona zip code so the city will be Corona and the ticket may have Eastvale listed in the location field that could be spelled Eastvail.

Paul Evans asked if the systems could use a company id instead of phone numbers for tickets so those excavators that have a high volume of tickets don't have to know all the phone numbers that may have been used to get a ticket.

## **8. Committee Reports:**

### **A. Board of Directors Update.**

Marshall said that CARCGA is now a tax-exempt 501c6 corporation. He also said the operating procedures had been developed by the Board of Directors and briefly went over them and told everyone to review them.

### **B. Subsurface Safety and Incident Prevention Committee Update.**

Steve Woo reported that the committee had met to further discuss training curriculum of the 4216 rules that would then be handed off to the Education/Marketing committee. He said the next SSIP committee meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Education Programs and Marketing Committee Update.**

Michael Worster said that the committee met in May. The CARCGA LinkedIn site is now being administered and he urged all to sign up. He said the committee discussed the next Mock Utility Line Strike Event. A venue in the Bakersfield area would be great hopefully on August 11 (for 8-11 day), but that we need to secure a venue as soon as possible so that invitations can be sent out and all the other preparations can be done. He pleaded for anyone who has contacts in the Bakersfield area to see if there is a site that could host the event.

**D. Legislative and Regulatory Committee Update.**

Ann said a trailer bill to the state budget had changes to 4216 that include pushing back the dates for continual excavation tickets, the board enforcement and removing pink markings from the delineation section. Once the bill is passed the Governor has 12 days to sign it (it was passed on 6/16/2017). Once signed the changes go into effect immediately. Ann noted that California's DIRT data is being analyzed now and should have a report by the August meeting. She noted that out of over 10,000 records submitted only 83 filled out any portion of the flex fields (those extra questions we ask for California). She said that with the new national DIRT form coming out for 2018 it might be the time to remove those as they aren't providing any meaningful data at this time. Once the final form is available from the national DIRT she'll convene the leg/reg committee to discuss the new form and how to promote its use.

**9. Issues from previous meeting**

Ann gave a brief presentation on how Electronic Positive Response (EPR) will work. She noted that California has always been a positive response state – every facility owner that receives notification of a proposed dig must respond in some manner. The new EPR will allow facility owners (IF THEY CHOOSE) to input their response into the centers system so that an excavator can check the responses. The center will email the excavator after the start date and time listed on the ticket a complete status of the responses. She and Ryan noted that the response codes are the initial ones, but that too many options can make the system unmanageable and won't provide good information to either the excavator or facility owner. For more information about automatically sending response codes for DigAlert visit [docs.digalert.org](http://docs.digalert.org).

**10. Issues for future discussion:**

Sunil Shori noted there were some changes that needed to be done to the CARCGA website. Ann said to provide her with the information and she would take care of it.

Paul Evans said that facility owners aren't marking the number of lines if known. There was a discussion that maps given are guides not an absolute.

Ann asked anyone in Southern California that might be interested in hosting the October CARCGA meeting to let her know as soon as possible or DigAlert would host.

**11. 2017 Meetings**

August 8, 2017 – Conference Call  
October 10, 2017 – Southern California Site – TBD  
December 12, 2017 – Conference Call

All CARCGA meetings are scheduled from 9:30am until 1:30pm

**12. Adjourn Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

## **Standing Roster of Sub-Committee Members**

### **Legislative and Regulatory ([leg/reg@carcga.org](mailto:leg/reg@carcga.org)):**

Ann Diamond (chair)	Ryan Dove	John McMahon
Gilbert Aceves	Paul Evans	Jeff Patrick
Jared Ajlouny	David Feliciano	Gil Rivas
Nan Bailey	Caleb Haus	Colette Shelly
Jerry Bufford	Anthony Headley	Sunil Shori
Louie Cervantes	Marshall Johnson	Matt Smylie
Cliff Concello	Brad Jones	William Vogl
Alan Coppola	Tom Kaczmarski	Chelsea Watkins
	Steve Marositz	Thomas Young

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Louie Cervantes	Jamie Himes	Sunil Shori
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Alan Coppola	Bill Johns	Matt Smylie
Victor Davis	Jared Johnson	Bob Strickland
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