

**CA Regional CGA Minutes  
Conference Call  
August 8, 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 9:35 a.m. and read the objective.

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

**3. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Marshall asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. Colette Shelly moved to accept the minutes as emailed. Vicky Shankling seconded. The motion carried.

**4. CGA Update**

Ann Diamond said that CGA committees had their July meetings a couple of weeks ago and that CGA is looking for more companies to up their membership sponsorship levels – they want to do media buys, but need money. The new CGA president is setting up quarterly webinars. Last year they had the 811 video challenge this year they are doing an 811 time capsule – 8 items showing what the future of damage prevention might be and 11 historical items, bury it (but get a ticket first), make a 2 minute video and submit by 11/8. DIRT is updating their 2018 form. 2017 data will use the old form, so if you input 2017 data in the first quarter of 2018 be sure to use the old form. PHMSA completed their look at states and the enforcement of damage prevention laws and less than ½ were found adequate including California.

Ann noted that One Calls of America while not part of CGA has a committee that works with CGA called Mark-It Madness, to do advertising buys in airline magazines and other national programs to promote 811. That committee had a meeting in July as well that Ryan White and Collin Miyadi attended. Ryan reported that Tim Sanders, best-selling author and former Yahoo! Executive, gave a presentation on marketing in the digital age and how most print advertising is going away and moving towards social media and online.

## **5. Notification Center Updates**

James Wingate said that after 2 months at the center he is getting familiar with the climate in California. Ryan White then updated the group on some center statistics. A 9% increase in tickets over 2016 and 1% decrease in transmissions. He said the center had switched phone carriers in July. 811 calls through June were at 67% and web accounted for 43% of their ticket volume.

Ann reported that year-to-date DigAlert was up 8% in tickets and 7% in transmission and like USA North 811 43% of the tickets are being done online. A big reason for the 43% is that 82% of the updates are being done online. She said that the bulk update is taking off as excavators can update hundreds of tickets in moments. She said she saw 1 day where over 300 updates were done by one excavator that took the system just 5 minutes to process, and took the excavator less than a minute to submit. She said that electronic positive response is scheduled to begin in the south on November 1, 2017. Testing is available now for those members using a tcp connection method. She said for more information to visit [docs.digalert.org](http://docs.digalert.org). Also on November 1, ticket format changes will be implemented including no longer using grids on tickets. Members are asked to send in their shape files ASAP. Again, more information can be found at [docs.digalert.org](http://docs.digalert.org). She also reported that the center is transitioning to HTML5 ticket entry and hopes to have it available for web users in the next few months which should increase web usage. Many companies don't allow executable programs to be downloaded and HTML5 is for web pages and mobile apps. She mentioned that the Rose Parade float has its frame work done and has begun test driving.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

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

Marshall said that the Board of Directors had been made aware of an inconsistency between one of the objectives and the classes of membership in its operating procedures. It could be confusing using 'stakeholder members' when we have both stakeholder and associate members in CARCGA. The directors voted to change the objective from "Inform all active and non-active stakeholder members regarding the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices" to "Inform all interested in safe digging about the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices".

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

Nothing to report.

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

Michael Worster reported that the committee met to discuss the upcoming Mock Utility Line Strike scheduled for September 19 in Bakersfield at the Associated Builders & Contractors facility. He said that he was visiting the site on August 9<sup>th</sup> to look at the layout and how many the site can accommodate. He noted that Senator Hill will be a keynote speaker; possibly Rudy Salas the Assemblyman from Bakersfield will speak as well. Tony Marino from the California Underground Facility Safe Excavation Board may also join. He said the committee will have to work hard in the next few weeks to get everything coordinated. A question about sponsorship was asked and Michael said the levels were \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. More information will be sent soon.

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

Ann said the committee met last week to discuss the upcoming changes to the DIRT form for 2018. David Feliciano and Colette Shelly will work on a notice to send to CARCGA members as well as those signed up for California 811 DIRT. Ann said that a trailer bill to the California budget included changes to 4216 that basically went into effect on July 1. Since regulations haven't been written yet for continual excavation

tickets and other items, the start date for those tickets has been pushed back from November 1, 2017 to July 1, 2020. Other changes include a new definition of continual excavation ticket, changing the word “call” to contact in 4216.2(1) which deals with expired tickets and removing using pink in delineation if delineating in white could be misinterpreted as traffic/pedestrian control.

**7. Old Business**

Nothing to report

**8. New Business**

**A. Nominations**

Marshall announced the stakeholder categories that are up for election this year – electric, excavator, gas, notification center, sewer, state regulator and water. Those interested in running for a board of directors’ spot should send a brief resume/bio by October 15<sup>th</sup> to [info@carcga.org](mailto:info@carcga.org). Self-nominations are accepted. Ann noted that a membership list will be sent with the minutes so everyone would know what industry each stakeholder was listed under.

**B. Update to Operating Procedures**

Covered under the Board of Directors update.

Anthony Headley asked about using chalk instead of paint and that it seems that reference to paint has been removed but that with locators marking with chalk the excavator is having to request remarks more often. Marshall said that a lot of the city requirements are that markings be easily removed and should only last 28 to 30 days. James Wingate said conversely homeowners complain about paint lasting too long.

James Wingate said that USA North 811 would host the February 13, 2018 CARCGA meeting in Concord.

**11. Future Meetings**

- October 10, 2017 – DigAlert – 1379 Pico St #101, Corona, CA
- December 12, 2017 – Conference Call
- February 13, 2018 – USA North 811 – 4005 Port Chicago Hwy #100, Concord
- April 10, 2018 – Conference Call
- June 12, 2018 – Southern California – TBD
- August 14, 2018 – Conference Call
- October 9, 2018 – Northern California – TBD
- December 11, 2018 – Conference Call

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

**12. Adjourn Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

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

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

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

### **Education Programs and Marketing ([education@carcga.org](mailto:education@carcga.org)):**

Michael Worster (co-chair)	Amber Dahl	Gil Rivas
Jared Ajlouny (co-chair)	Ann Diamond	Aaron Scott
Gilbert Aceves	Ryan Dove	Vicky Shankling
Jerry Bufford	Paul Evans	Sunil Shori
Louie Cervantes	Christopher Kenney	William Vogl
Cliff Concello	Paul Krahl	Chelsea Watkins
Alan Coppola	Enrique Miranda	Alexander Williams
	Colin Miyadi	
	Jeff Patrick	

### **Subsurface & Safety Incident Prevention ([ssip@carcga.org](mailto:ssip@carcga.org)):**

Steve Woo (co-chair)	Ryan Dove	Enrique Miranda
Thomas Young (co-chair)	Paul Evans	Jeff Patrick
Gilbert Aceves	David Feliciano	Aaron Rezendez
Jared Ajlouny	David Graham	Gil Rivas
Juan Beltran	Ryan Graham	Shawn Schwarz
Tony Burnham	Caleb Haus	Vicky Shankling
Louie Cervantes	Anthony Headley	Colette Shelly
Randy Charland	Jamie Himes	Sunil Shori
Alan Coppola	Don Hunt	Catherine Simonsen
Victor Davis	Bill Johns	Matt Smylie
Ann Diamond	Jared Johnson	Bob Strickland
	Tom Kaczmariski	Alexander Williams



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	Gilbert Aceves	Southern California Edison	Gilbert.Aceves@sce.com	Electric
X	Jared Ajlouny	DACO Construction	jared@dacococonstructs.com	Excavator
	Nanette Bailey	Sacramento Area Sewer District	baileyn@sacsewer.com	Sewer
	Doug Beeler	Beeler Construction	dawnabeeler@sbcglobal.net	Excavator
	Juan R. Beltran	Jebel Construction Engineering Inc.	juan@jebelconstruction.com	Sewer
	David Blakeslee	Crimson Pipeline LLC	dblakeslee@crimsonpl.com	Oil
	Jerry Bufford	SMUD	jbuffo1@smud.org	Gas
	Tony Burnham	Anvil Builders	tburnham@anvilbuilders.com	Excavator
	Jeff Carroll	Pacific Gas & Electric	jlc5@pge.com	Gas
	Pete Cerda	Irish Construction	petecerda@irishteam.com	Excavator
X	Jose (Louie) Cervantes	Shell Pipeline LP	jose.cervantes@shell.com	Oil
	Randy Charland	UtiliQuest	randy.charland@utiliquest.com	Locator
	Cliff Concello	PG&E	c5c6@pge.com	Gas
X	Alan Coppola	Travelers	acoppola@travelers.com	Insurance
X	Amber Dahl	Underground Service Alert of SC	amber@digalert.org	Notification Center
X	Victor Davis	AT&T	VD1619@ATT.COM	Telecommunication
X	Ann Diamond	Underground Service Alert of SC	ann@digalert.org	Notification Center
	Ryan Dove	SoCal Gas	rdove@semprautilities.com	Gas
	Paul Evans	Ghilotti Construction	paule@ghilotti.com	Road Builders
X	David Feliciano	Pacific Gas and Electric	dmfq@pge.com	Gas
	David Graham	Traffic Management, Inc.	dgraham@trafficmanagement.com	Emergency Services
	David Graham	B.A.T.S. Traffic Solutions	davegraham5678@gmail.com	Excavator
	Ryan Graham	RDG Excavation and Demolishing	ryangraham209@gmail.com	Excavator
	Caleb Haus	KRC SAFETY CO., INC.	Calebh@KRCSAFETY.COM	Excavator



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X	Anthony Headley	West Valley Construction	aheadley@wvcc.com	Excavator
	Michael Hefley	K&L Contracting Inc.	Mike@KLinc.co	Public Works
	Jamie Himes	Sukut Construction	jhimes@sukut.com	Public Works
	Don Hunt	McGuire and Hester	dhunt@mcguireandhester.com	Excavator
	William Johns	Utility Coordinating, Inc.	bjohns@utilicoor.com	Engineering/Design
X	Marshall Johnson	AT&T	mj2949@att.com	Telecommunications
	Jared Johnson	MGE Underground	jared@mgeunderground.com	Excavator
	Brad Jones	SMUD	Brad.Jones@smud.org	Gas
	Tom Kaczmarski	Badger Daylighting	tkaczmarski@badgerinc.com	Excavator
	Christopher Kenney	Advanced Infrastructure Technologies/ Radiodetection	ckenney@advancedworld.com	Equipment Manufacturer
X	Paul Krahl	Southwest Gas Corporation	paul.krahl@swgas.com	Gas
	Robert Laverty	Advanced Infrastructure Technologies, LLC	rlaverty@advancedworld.com	Equipment Manufacturer
	Valerie Lertyaovant	Southern California Gas Company	vlertyaovant@semprautilities.com	Gas
	Steve Marositz	Kinder Morgan	Steve_Marositz@Kindermorgan.com	Oil
	John McMahon	Retired	jomac118@gmail.com	Engineering/Design
	Enrique Miranda	Kana Pipeline, Inc.,	emiranda@kanapipeline.com	Excavator
X	Collin Miyadi	USA North 811	cmiyadi@usan.org	Notification Center
X	Cynthia Moore	Contractors State License Board	cynthia.moore@cslb.ca.gov	State Regulator
	Shawn Nesgis	Union Sanitary District	shawnn@unionsanitary.ca.gov	Sewer
	Michael O'Donnell	Otay Water District	MIKE.ODONNELL@OTAYWATER.GOV	Water
	Jeff Patrick	SECC Corporation	jeff@secc-corp.com	Excavator
	Aaron Rezendez	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	arr8@pge.com	Gas
	Gil Rivas	San Jose Water Company	gil.rivas@sjwater.com	Water
X	Shawn Schwarz	Plains All American Pipeline	sschwarz@paalp.com	Oil



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	Aaron Scott	San Jose Water	aaron.scott@sjwater.com	Water
X	Vicky Shankling	Norcal Pipeline Services, Inc.	vshankling@discoveryhydrovac.com	Excavator
X	Colette Shelly	EBMUD	colette.shelly@ebmud.com	Water
	Scott Shongood	Hooker Creek, Inc.	scott@hookercreekinc.com	Excavator
	Sunil Shori	California Public Utilities Commission	sks@cpuc.ca.gov	State Regulator
	Catherine Simonsen	Sacramento Municipal Utility District	catherine.simonsen@smud.org	Electric
	Matt Smylie	George Reed Inc.	matt.smylie@georgereed.com	Road Builders
	Bob Strickland	Superior Electric, Mechanical & Plumbing	stricklandbob15@yahoo.com	Excavator
	Scott Vickers	CPN Pipeline Company	svickers@calpine.com	Gas
	Steve Victor	Victor Backhoe, Inc	victorbackhoe@yahoo.com	Excavator
	William Vogl	San Jose Water Company	william.vogl@sjwater.com	Water
	Chelsea Watkins	3M	cwatkins@mmm.com	Equipment Manufacturer
X	Ryan White	USA North 811	rwhite@usan.org	Notification Center
	Alexander Williams	California Water Service	awilliams@calwater.com	Water
X	James Wingate	USA North 811	james.wingate@usan.org	Notification Center
	Steve Woo	HCI Inc.	swoo@hci-inc.com	Excavator
	Matthew Woods	Haaker Equipment Company	mattw@haaker.com	Equipment Manufacturer
X	Michael Worster	AT&T	mw4298@att.com	Telecommunications
	Thomas Young	SeeScan	thomas.young@seescan.com	Equipment Manufacturer