

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes**  
**DigAlert**  
**1379 Pico St #101**  
**Corona, CA**  
**October 10, 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. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Marshall asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. Paul Evans motioned to accept the minutes as emailed. Anthony Headley seconded. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as emailed.

**4. CGA Update**

Ann Diamond said there were 146 days until the CGA annual conference in March in Arizona. Early bird registration is available now at [cgaconference.com](http://cgaconference.com). She said that CGA committees will be meeting in Houston in November. The 811 balloon is having a design contest as the balloon will be available again next year for events. Ryan White said that designs must be in by October 31, 2017. For more information visit <http://commongroundalliance.com/damage-prevention/toolkits/design-two-new-811-hot-air-balloons>. Ryan White said that CGA had a webinar about the new DIRT requirements and it can be heard at <http://commongroundalliance.com/damage-prevention/toolkits/cga-member-webinars>. Thomas Young said that the Technology Committee is still asking people to complete the survey and are looking for case studies but are trying to stay away from sales pitches. The committee hopes to have a report by the end of the year.

**5. Notification Center Updates**

Ryan White reported that USA North 811 had a 9% increase in tickets through the end of September and the last 3 months they had taken over 100,000 tickets each month. 44.2% of their tickets are being done on the web. He said they are hoping for the mobile pp soon. Marshall asked if their app will have a ticket lookup feature where an operator can find active tickets in a specific geographical area. Ryan replied that would not be on this version

but maybe on the 2<sup>nd</sup> version. Ryan also said that USA North is testing electronic positive response in-house now then they will have members test it with a January 1, 2018 roll out. Paul Evans asked about getting faster service when calling in an emergency. Ryan said they are working on updating their phone tree to have separate queues for homeowners, Spanish, emergency as well as normal calls.

Ann reported that year-to-date DigAlert was up 7% in tickets with 43% of the tickets being done online. A big reason for the 43% is that 82% of the updates are being done online. She said that with the ease of setting up the mobile app for push notifications for tickets that are due to be updated that day more and more are using this to keep their tickets active. She encouraged those that hadn't downloaded the app to download it today. She said that the center is ready for an 11/1/2017 start for electronic positive response, no more grid notifications and a new ticket format for delivery to members. She said for more information to visit [docs.digalert.org](http://docs.digalert.org). She said that the 811 Rose Parade is coming along and as we get closer to the parade there will be cameras showing the progress on DigAlert social media.

Marshall asked the centers about notifying excavators about the fires and that the owners of underground lines won't be responding as resources are being used for other things not locates. Ann noted that in the fire areas restoring service would be considered an emergency and a ticket wouldn't be needed. However not having resources for areas not affected by the emergency is something different. Discussion included what about if an excavator can't keep tickets active because they've had a fire or other emergency and that electronic positive response would probably be the best avenue to let excavators know that an owner has extenuating circumstances.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

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

Marshall said that nominations for electric, equipment, excavator, gas, notification center, sewer, regulator and water were open until October 15th. Any stakeholder member in those categories can send their nomination to Ann.

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

Thomas Young reported that the committee was working on the 5 steps of the 811 process to be included in any companies' training.

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

Michael Worster said the mock line strike event last month in Bakersfield was successful. He thanked everyone who helped out including West Valley Construction, Amber Dahl, Associated Builders and Contractors and Valerie Leryaovarit. He said that the committee is thinking of expanding the event to include a locate rodeo and equipment demonstrations. The next event will be in April, hopefully in Sacramento. A planning committee will start working on the event soon. Amber Dahl thanked SoCal Gas for the 30ft shovel. She said it was a great draw and many pictures were taken. Bob Carpenter said that the shovel could be taken to events and to contact them to schedule it. Paul Krahl from Southwest Gas suggested the Ben Clark Training Facility in Riverside for an event.

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

Ann said that a sub-committee of the leg/reg committee was working on a notice to send to CARCGA and California 811 DIRT members to let them know about the new changes to the DIRT form and that companies should try to align their collection of data to include the fields in the new form for incidents that happen after 1/1/2018. The more closely the collection is to the form the easier it will be to input and will give better analysis. Ann said that AB1516 was signed – it was a maintenance of codes bill that affected all sorts

of codes but is of interest as 4216.24 had a change. The current 4216.24 references subdivision b of section 4216.17 and it has been changed to subdivision c. That change will go into effect 1/1/2018.

**7. Old Business**

Nothing

**8. New Business**

Marshall congratulated Randy Charland on being named to the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board.

Paul Evans said he is having issues with field meets taking over a week to get a response and then finally getting incomplete marks due to being abandoned or not active. He said that sometimes he ends up calling in a damage exposed to get a quicker response. Marshall said he should use the phone numbers on the ticket to contact the operator directly as many times the person to mark is different than the person sent out to repair. The group then discussed inactive versus abandoned and when do they become members and who operates the lines. Marshall directed the SSIP committee to look into the matter.

**9. 2017/2018 Meetings**

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

**10. Adjourn Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

**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 Kaczmarski   | Thomas Young    |
|                           | Steve Marositz   |                 |

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

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|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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             | Enrique Miranda    | Chelsea Watkins    |
| Alan Coppola               | Colin Miyadi       | Alexander Williams |
|                            | 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 Kaczmarski  | Alexander Williams |



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|         | Gilbert Aceves         | Southern California Edison          | Gilbert.Aceves@sce.com         | Electric                 |
|         | Jared Ajlouny          | DACO Construction                   | jared@dacococonstructs.com     | Excavator                |
|         | Pritpal Aujla          | Utiliquest                          | prtipal.aujla@utiliquest.com   | Locator                  |
|         | 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                |
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| JS      | Bob Carpenter          | Southern California Gas             | rcarpenter@semprautilities.com | Gas                      |
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| AKC     | Jose (Louie) Cervantes | Shell Pipeline LP                   | jose.cervantes@shell.com       | Oil                      |
| AKC     | Randy Charland         | UtiliQuest                          | randy.charland@utiliquest.com  | Locator                  |
|         | Cliff Concello         | PG&E                                | c5c6@pge.com                   | Gas                      |
| AKC     | Alan Coppola           | Travelers                           | acoppola@travelers.com         | Insurance                |
| AKC     | Amber Dahl             | Underground Service Alert of SC     | amber@digalert.org             | Notification Center      |
|         | Victor Davis           | AT&T                                | VD1619@ATT.COM                 | Telecommunication        |
| AKC     | Ann Diamond            | Underground Service Alert of SC     | ann@digalert.org               | Notification Center      |
| AKC     | Ryan Dove              | SoCal Gas                           | rdove@semprautilities.com      | Gas                      |
| AKC     | Paul Evans             | Ghilotti Construction               | paule@ghilotti.com             | Road Builders            |
|         | David Feliciano        | Pacific Gas and Electric            | dmfq@pge.com                   | Gas                      |
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|         | David Graham           | Traffic Management, Inc.            | dgraham@trafficmanagement.com  | Emergency Services       |



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|              | 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     |
| <i>MS</i>    | 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 Kaczmariski     | Badger Daylighting                                      | tkaczmariski@badgerinc.com        | Excavator              |
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|              | Michael O'Donnell   | Otay Water District                                     | MIKE.ODONNELL@OTAYWATER.GOV       | Water                  |



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|         | Gil Rivas          | San Jose Water Company                   | gil.rivas@sjwater.com            | Water                  |
|         | Shawn Schwarz      | Plains All American Pipeline             | sschwarz@paalp.com               | Oil                    |
|         | Aaron Scott        | San Jose Water                           | aaron.scott@sjwater.com          | Water                  |
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|         | 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              |
|         | Bob Thrope         | Epic Land Solutions                      | bob.thorpe.srwa@gmail.com        | Public Works           |
|         | Scott Vickers      | CPN Pipeline Company                     | svickers@calpine.com             | Gas                    |
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