

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes  
Conference Call  
December 12, 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 9:34 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. Anthony Headley motioned to accept the minutes as emailed. Paul Evans seconded. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as emailed.

**4. CGA Update**

Ann Diamond said CGA committees had met in Houston in November. Educational Programs & Marketing were finalizing a toolkit for the fencing audience; Technology was reviewing the first draft of their first annual technology report; Best Practices is working on mapping proposed facilities, cross bore determination and mitigation, abandoned lines and strategic planning; Stakeholder Advocacy had a report from PHMSA on their enforcement rule and determinations of adequacy; Data Reporting & Evaluation continues toward releasing the revised DIRT form in January 2018 and OCSI is forming task teams to look at best practices for disaster response and center benchmarks. She also said that registration for the CGA conference in March in Phoenix is open at [cgaconference.com](http://cgaconference.com)

**5. Notification Center Updates**

Ryan White reported that USA North 811's hold time was down, and calls were down but with the increase in tickets being done online the center was up 10.6% overall and for the 1<sup>st</sup> time the center had surpassed 1 million tickets in a year. 44.3% of their tickets are being done on the web.

Ann reported that year-to-date DigAlert was up 7% in tickets with 43% of the tickets being done online and 74% of calls coming in on 811. She said that on November 13<sup>th</sup> the center took the most tickets in a single day in its 41 year history. November 1<sup>st</sup> the center started

electronic positive response as well as no longer having a grid layer and new ticket delivery format that includes a field for SMS. She noted some members had started to use positive response through the center. She also said that Anthony Headley had asked if the centers could provide more information about electronic positive response. Since USA North 811 hadn't started this option, the February in-person meeting would have a presentation. She said that after the legal start date and time an email is sent to those excavators that have provided an email address and/or a text is sent for those that have said they want to receive via SMS. She asked those that wanted to see examples of the responses to text *presp A173210923* to **344258** for a brief description of the ticket displays as well as a link to the responses. She noted that the response of member did not respond by the required time is a system response because using this option is voluntary. She said for more information about the code numbers, descriptions and the different methods to get information about the responses anyone can visit [docs.digalert.org](http://docs.digalert.org). She reminded everyone to watch the Rose Parade on January 1 to see those madcap critters not following the rules and dealing with the consequences of hitting a line on the 811 float.

Marshall asked the centers if there would be any education for the excavators to look for response from this electronic positive response system now. Ryan said that USA North 811 could add something to their phone que before reaching a customer service rep that responses could be posted to the electronic positive response system now.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

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

Marshall said at the last Board of Directors meeting a section was added to the operating procedures about voting if only 1 person from a stakeholder group is nominated the person would be affirmed for the next term without a vote from that stakeholder industry. He encouraged all to recruit more stakeholder participation in CARCGA to further the democratic process.

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

Steve Woo reported that the committee was close to recommending the minimum 5 points to include in any company's training about the 811 process.

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

Michael Worster said the committee met and discussed the 4 subcommittees for the next mock strike event – oversight, venue & logistics, event activities and budget & finance. He asked for volunteers to help make this next event another success.

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

Ann said that a notice had been sent to all California 811 DIRT registrants as well as all CARCGA members about the new DIRT form for 2018. She said that the Dig Safe Board still doesn't have all its members appointed and that 1 of the 2 previously appointed has quit. Marshall asked about having a report from the Dig Safe Board included in our meetings. Ann said that can be included.

## **7. Old Business**

Nothing

## **8. New Business**

4216.8 – Equipment Rental/Lease Issue

Ryan White reported on an issue that had come up between a backhoe operator that had been hired through a broker to do work for a general and ended up within 10feet of a high priority line. The high priority facility owner stopped the backhoe operator as there wasn't a rep on site while exposing the line. The backhoe operator had a contract with the language

from 4216.8 but there hadn't been any communication to the backhoe operator about the high priority line. Ryan said that neither center had heard of broker services for backhoe operators before. A discussion from the group began and many had heard of or used broker services before. Others said their interpretation of 4216.8 was for private owners who rent equipment and Cynthia Moore said that sub-contractors are required under 4216 to get their own ticket. James O'Kane said one should not confuse subs with rentals. The consensus was that communication is always the key and in this situation it wasn't very effective.

**9. 2018 Meetings**

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 10:50 am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Steve Woo (co-chair)	Ann Diamond	Catherine Mankins
Thomas Young (co-chair)	Ryan Dove	Enrique Miranda
Gilbert Aceves	Paul Evans	James O’Kane
Jared Ajlouny	David Graham	Jeff Patrick
Pritpal Aujla	Ryan Graham	Aaron Rezendez
Juan Beltran	Caleb Haus	Gil Rivas
Tony Burnham	Anthony Headley	Shawn Schwarz
Adrian Calixtro	Jamie Himes	Vicky Shankling
Louie Cervantes	Don Hunt	Colette Shelly
Randy Charland	Bill Johns	Sunil Shori
Cliff Concello	Jared Johnson	Matt Smylie
Alan Coppola	Tom Kaczmariski	Alexander Williams
Victor Davis	Paul Krahl	Matthew Woods
	Deanna Lewotsky	



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	Doug Beeler	Beeler Construction	dawnabeeler@sbcglobal.net	Excavator
	Juan R. Beltran	Jebel Construction Engineering Inc.	juan@jebelconstruction.com	Excavator
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	Jerry Bufford	SMUD	jbuffo1@smud.org	Gas
X	Tony Burnham	Anvil Builders	tburnham@anvilbuilders.com	Excavator
	Adrian Calixtro	Wonderful Orchards	adrian.calixtro@wonderful.com	Agriculture - Commercial
	Bob Carpenter	Southern California Gas	rcarpenter@semprautilities.com	Gas
	Pete Cerda	Irish Construction	petecerda@irishteam.com	Excavator
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X	Randy Charland	UtiliQuest	randy.charland@utiliquest.com	Locator
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	David Graham	Traffic Management Inc	davegraham5678@gmail.com	Excavator
X	Caleb Haus	KRC SAFETY CO., INC.	Calebh@KRCSAFETY.COM	Excavator



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	Jared Johnson	MGE Underground	jared@mgeunderground.com	Excavator
X	Marshall Johnson	AT&T	mj2949@att.com	Telecommunications
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