

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes**  
**April 10, 2018**

**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. Shawn Nesgis moved to accept the minutes as emailed. Steve Woo seconded. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as emailed.

**4. Dig Safe Board Update – Tony Marino**

Tony Marino updated the group on what the Dig Safe Board was working on for their April meeting. It will include education and outreach and what's working now. He also said that the Board would be voting for a rule on fees to regional notification center members as a source of funding per 4216.16(b). He said they are also hoping for investigators by 2019. They will also be undertaking standards on items like pot-holing for exposing lines, what is in conflict and reasonable care. He said that the Board would like input from CARCGA on these issues.

**5. CGA Update**

Ann Diamond said CGA annual conference in March was well attended and that the CGA committees had meetings before the conference. The Technology committee published its first annual Technology Report and will have webinars where vendors or subject matter experts will present case studies on technologies to improve damage prevention processes. Stakeholder Advocacy is looking at specific legislative topics such as design tickets or enforcement. The Regional Partners committee reviewed resources currently available including 811 logos, DIRT infographics, and other tool kits that can be found on the CGA website. The Education/Marketing committee has new toolkit materials focusing on the fencing and landscaping communities. OCSI learned that Verizon was shifting its business strategy which may increase demand for tickets. OCSI is also looking into a survey of how one-call centers are approaching the issue of private locates. DIRT committee is looking at potential metrics to supplement the traditional damages per ticket metric. Ann noted that the

2017 data submission is complete and that CA had under 10,000 reported incident events in 2017 and the data was starting to be analyzed. She also said that the Best Practices committee was looking at identifying newly installed or under construction facilities, cross bore determination & mitigation and abandoned lines. She also said as a regional partner CARCGA gets free copies of the Best Practices and anyone who would like a copy to email her at [info@carcga.org](mailto:info@carcga.org). Ann also noted that the next CGA conference will be in Tampa and in 2020 in Palm Springs.

## **6. Notification Center Updates**

Ryan White reported that USA North 811 had an 18% increase in tickets in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018. He noted that calls were down, but web entry was up to 51% of the total ticket volume. He said that the average speed of answer was at 2.5 minutes. Ryan said that on February 25<sup>th</sup> the center started 24/7 staffed operations. He said that now it was even more important that members provide good contact information for after hours and emergency numbers. He also reminded members to split their member codes by facility type and that could be done through their new member services department ([memberservices@usanorth811.org](mailto:memberservices@usanorth811.org)). He said that their app should be ready this summer. Paul Evans asked about contractors getting priority when calling in. Ryan said that a new phone tree had been set up and that emergencies are 1<sup>st</sup> then homeowners with new tickets next, then contractors.

Ann wished everyone a happy National and California Safe Digging Month. She said that Senator Hill had introduced SCR120 which had passed the Senate and was to be heard in the Assembly next week. She said that DigAlert had a 7% increase in the first quarter for 2018 and like USA North 811 calls were down but tickets up due to the online ticket entry. She also echoed Ryan's plea to members to update their contact information for all contacts including design/engineering.

## **7. Committee Reports:**

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

No report at this time.

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

Steve Woo said the committee had met to discuss subjects of interest and the path forward for the committee to tackle – how often to pothole, embedded lines, what is considered in conflict, positive response documentation for excavators and the discrepancy between 4216.4(a), 4216.4(b) and 4216.7(d). The committee members are ranking which topic to discuss first.

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

Michael Worster said the next mock line strike event was in the home stretch. The vendors, sponsors and “actors” have been set up. He encouraged all to register for the event.

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

Nothing to report.

## **8. Old Business**

Nothing to report

## **9. New Business**

Ryan Dove said that an ad hoc committee for DIRT analysis was being formed. He asked members if they had anyone or themselves with data analysis skills and the ability to meet in person on occasion to email him ([rdove@semprautilities.com](mailto:rdove@semprautilities.com)) to join the committee. Randy

Charland asked how many on the committee – Ryan said 10 max and it should be the same person from a company for consistency.

Paul Evans asked the group about high pressure fluid filled cable systems and if this is a new type of high priority line that needs to be added. Steve Woo said that those systems are used with electric transmission lines, so they are covered as high priority already.

Anthony Headley asked about contracted billing services used by facility owners. He said these agencies are threatening to turn them over to the state and ruin a company's credit rating when there has been no investigation. He said their tactics are an extortion approach. Paul Evans agreed that other than harassing companies they don't have the full picture of what happened. Tony Marino suggested documenting these incidents, but the Dig Safe Board can't do anything until they can begin investigations. Pete Cerda asked if the PUC could step in. Sunil Shori said the PUC usually stays out of civil litigation. Tony said that social pressure might be the best way to handle this issue as it would be difficult to solve in regulations.

Bill Johns said that CGA best practices call for design tickets to be accepted. He said that more utilities are charging fees for this service and a consistent policy would be helpful. A recommendation or policy from CARCGA might be a good idea. Marshall Johnson instructed the SSIP committee to look at the issue.

#### **10. 2018 Meetings**

June 12, 2018 – SoCal Gas Energy Resource Center – 9240 Firestone Blvd., Downey  
August 14, 2018 – Conference Call  
October 9, 2018 – SMUD – 6301 “S” St., Sacramento  
December 11, 2018 – Conference Call

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

#### **11. 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)	Paul Evans	James O’Kane
Colette Shelly (co-chair)	Todd Farrell	Matt Pace
Gilbert Aceves	Caleb Haus	Jeff Patrick
Jared Ajlouny	Anthony Headley	Gil Rivas
Pritpal Aujla	Marshall Johnson	Sunil Shori
Nan Bailey	Brad Jones	Matt Smylie
Jerry Bufford	Tom Kaczmariski	Bob Thorpe
Bob Carpenter	Paul Krahl	Tim Thrift
Louie Cervantes	Deanna Lewotsky	William Vogl
Francis Christensen	Steve Marositz	James Wingate
Cliff Concello	Mike Marrero	Thomas Young
Alan Coppola	John McMahon	
Ryan Dove	Michael O’Donnell	

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

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

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

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



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Attendance

Date: 4/10/2018

Location: Conference Call

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	Rick B	Advanced Infrastructure Technologies	rickb@advancedworld.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	Excavator
	David Blakeslee	Crimson Pipeline LLC	dblakeslee@crimsonpl.com	Oil
	Jerry Bufford	SMUD	jbuffo1@smud.org	Gas
	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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	Victor Davis	AT&T	VD1619@ATT.COM	Telecommunication
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✓	Ryan Dove	SoCal Gas	rdove@semprautilities.com	Gas
✓	Paul Evans	Ghilotti Construction	paule@ghilotti.com	Road Builders
	Sarah Goodfellow	3M	sgoodfellow@mmm.com	Equipment Manufacturer



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✓	David Graham	Traffic Management Inc	davegraham5678@gmail.com	Excavator
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	Caleb Haus	KRC SAFETY CO., INC.	Calebh@KRCSAFETY.COM	Excavator
✓	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
✓	Jared Johnson	MGE Underground	jared@mgeunderground.com	Excavator
✓	Marshall Johnson	AT&T	mj2949@att.com	Telecommunications
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	Catherine Mankins	Sacramento Municipal Utility District	catherine.mankins@smud.org	Electric
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	Mike Marrero	USIC	mikemarrero@usicllc.com	Locator
	John McMahon	Retired	jomac118@gmail.com	Engineering/Design
	Enrique Miranda	Kana Pipeline, Inc.,	emiranda@kanapipeline.com	Excavator
	Collin Miyadi	USA North 811	Collin.Miyadi@usanorth811.org	Notification Center
✓	Cynthia Moore	Contractors State License Board	cynthia.moore@cslb.ca.gov	State Regulator
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✓	Sunil Shori	California Public Utilities Commission	sks@cpuc.ca.gov	State Regulator
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