

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes  
SoCal Gas Energy Resource Center  
9240 Firestone Blvd  
Downey, CA  
June 12, 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 9:32 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. Ann Diamond noted that under the Notification Center Updates the date that USA North 811 began 24/7 operations was February 25<sup>th</sup> not March 25<sup>th</sup>. With that correction, Ryan White moved to accept the minutes. Thomas Young seconded. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

**4. Dig Safe Board Update**

Marshall reported that Tony was unavailable but that the next Dig Safe Board meeting would be on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Sacramento at the Board's new office at 2251 Harvard St 4<sup>th</sup> Floor and that they will be discussing standards. The agenda is posted on their website – [digsafe.ca.fire.gov](http://digsafe.ca.fire.gov). He said Tony would like CARCGA to be involved in developing the standards since we did such a great job with our dream 4216. He said standards should be stakeholder driven with Board oversight. CARCGA would have to include anyone in the discussions which could lead to more members. Ann Diamond said that Tony feels CARCGA has the gravitas to do the work needed on the standards. She also said that when CARCGA was first becoming involved in legislation and education about damage prevention we wanted to become known as the subject matter experts for damage prevention of underground lines and this work will be another step towards that.

**5. CGA Update**

Ann said CGA won the National Safety Council's Green Cross for Safety Advocate Award for the 811 campaign. She reported that there were 30 million views of 811 between the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont even though the jockey wasn't riding Triple Crown winner

Justified. She said the Best Practices committee was meeting in July in St. Louis and would be considering 2 new transaction records: electronically locatable lines which would mean new lines have a means to be located electronically, and identifying newly installed or under construction lines – that the facility owner identifies new facilities with the notification center. She noted that the Technology committee would be meeting in St., Louis in July as well. She said that CGA was doing stakeholder webinars and during the OCSI webinar it was said that Michigan found that having pre-planning tickets had reduced damages. She asked if that's something California should consider. She said that in the past the concern was that a ticket wouldn't be called in when the work was going to begin and that other lines could have been installed in the interim. A lengthy discussion began about excessive markings, how it would help for design conflicts, that more information to the excavator the better and that Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) is a best practice. Marshall asked that the issue be brought to the SSIP committee for further discussion. Ann noted that at the November OCSI committee meeting Michigan would be presenting more information on their pre-planning ticket program.

## **6. Notification Center Updates**

Ryan White reported that USA North 811 had a 16.5% increase in tickets this year and May was their busiest month in their history. He said that calls were down, but web entry was up to 55.2% of the total ticket volume. The group asked if they knew why it was busy was it seasonal or the economy? It was mentioned that there was a lot of rebuilding going on for the fire areas. He also said that their member services department was working on splitting up members into facility types for electronic positive response. They can be reached at [memberservices@usanorth811.org](mailto:memberservices@usanorth811.org). Randy Charland asked if responding no conflict to the center's electronic positive response fulfilled their obligation to advise the excavator. Ann said yes as DigAlert sends the responses either by email or text, if those notification methods were provided, at the legal start date and time. USA North 811 does not send the ticket back to excavator with the responses at this time. There was some discussion about the information not getting down to the person in the field and how to get more members using the system. Marshall asked that the Education/Marketing committee look at how to promote electronic positive response both on the member side and the excavator side. Ryan said that they had a 1<sup>st</sup> responder social media blast contest to promote 811 and all were entered into a drawing for a smoker. San Francisco Fire won.

Ann said that while they didn't give away a smoker, they did give \$1,700 to the caller and customer service rep that took the 17 millionth ticket. The time between million tickets is getting shorter and shorter. She also said that every meeting she would say we took the most DigExpress tickets – the single address locations done online – last month. 2018 has had a run of record-breaking months – January, March, April and then again in May the record was broken again with 8,293 DigExpress tickets. The center has had a 7.5% increase in all tickets and calls are down 2.18%. Increase in tickets and decrease in calls can be attributed to 47% of tickets being done online and multiple tickets per call. 87% of updates being done online. She said that the new platform - DigAlert Direct - for all online tickets has “never been closer” to being ready. She said that developers are also working on version 2.0 for the DigAlert mobile app.

## **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 “conflict”. He said that during the discussion it became clear that the use of the word, “conflict” cannot be defined by a recommendation of numbers like defining width and depth of excavation beyond proposed work and tolerance zone or the number of potholes or their frequency, spacing or distance.

But rather defining the role and responsibility of the excavator to determine “conflict” of marked facilities that are recognized to be within the scope of the Excavator’s proposed work. The committee discussed that 4216.4b needs to more clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the operators/locators to accurately locate and mark their facilities. That it is not the responsibility of the excavator to locate facilities once no conflict has been determined by the excavator within the scope of their proposed work. Once the excavator has determined no conflict they have satisfied their responsibility. Steve said the committee will meet again on July 10<sup>th</sup> to further the discussion. Sunil Shori said conflict should include lines adjacent to the delineation as that tolerance zone may fall within the scope of the job.

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

Nothing to report

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

Marshall said that once the Dig Safe Board has supplied the guidance on the standards the leg/reg committee should look at these as the SSIP committee has their plates full with “conflict” and design tickets.

**8. Old Business**

**AdHoc DIRT Analysis Committee – Ryan Dove**

Ryan Dove said he had 3 people for the committee so far and was still looking for people to join. He asked anyone interested to send him an email ([rdove@semprautilities.com](mailto:rdove@semprautilities.com)).

**9. New Business**

**Private Locates – James Wingate**

James Wingate told the group that there was a trend across the country that contract locators were using scare tactics with homeowners that they needed to get their lines marked to avoid a damage and that they could do this for a fee. They were using the information garnered from the tickets they received to solicit business. This is confusing as the homeowner has been told it’s a free service. Randy Charland said that Utilquest doesn’t do private locates but they will tell an excavator they might have other utilities past where they mark. James said he wanted to contact NULCA and get a list of locators that do private locates to put on their website. No one has heard that this is a problem in California at this time.

Ann Diamond asked if anyone knew of a specific city or county that was charging for locates as they can per 4216.5. The consensus was that it was buried in permitting fees, never a separate invoice sent.

Sunil Shori asked if financial information about CARCGA could be provided at the meetings now that we have money coming in that could maybe be used for education purposes. Ann said she would have them at the next meeting.

**10. 2018 Meetings**

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 11:55 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 Kaczmarek	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)):**

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Jerry Bufford	Anthony Headley	Shawn Schwartz
Bob Carpenter	Christopher Kenney	Aaron Scott
Louie Cervantes	Paul Krahl	Vicky Shankling
Francis Christensen	Valerie Lertyaovant	Sunil Shori
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Alan Coppola	Mike Marrero	William Vogl
Amber Dahl	Enrique Miranda	Alexander Williams

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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 Kaczmarek	Tim Thrift
Ann Diamond	Paul Krahl	Alexander Williams
Ryan Dove	Deanne Lewotsky	Matthew Woods



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