

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes**  
**August 14, 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. Paul Evans moved to accept the minutes as emailed. Jim O'Kane seconded. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

**4. Dig Safe Board Update**

Tony Marino reported that after the July Dig Safe Board meeting there is an appetite for legislation about continual excavation tickets and how 4216.4 is currently written with having to determine the exact location of lines in conflict with hand tools. There needs to be clarification of what in conflict means. He said that specific to CARCGA members that the Dig Safe Board wants CARCGA to be the stakeholder clearinghouse on non-regulated standards, like the various flavors of "in conflict", and then propose those to the Dig Safe Board. Marshall said that CARCGA hadn't meet yet to discuss this and was the Dig Safe Board expecting this information at the August meeting. Ann Diamond said that Tony had talked with her about wanting CARCGA to look at 4216.18 b and having those discussion presented by a two person advisory committee to the Dig Safe Board. The meetings should be public, and USA North and Dig Alert have volunteered to host these meetings that will have WebEx access. Tony said that at the August Dig Safe Board meeting CARCGA could present the process that CARCGA goes through. He said that having a two person advisory committee of the Dig Safe Board would not affect the Bagley Keene open meeting act. The advisory committee would take all the information from CARCGA and present to the board. He said that this allows for free flow of discussion where the larger group can't discuss. Discussion ensued including how does the information come back to CARCGA from the board, not having CARCGA act like CARCGA does and if an advisory committee from CARCGA can be done within our By-Laws. Marshall said that the CARCGA Board of Directors should look at the options before going forward. He told everyone who had an opinion on this topic should send any feed back to Ann. Tony said that Deborah the Dig Safe Board's legal council could help. Tony also said

that the next Dig Safe Board meeting will be August 20 and 21 in Westlake Village and that SoCal Gas will be presenting on Baseline Safety Assessment and if anyone else would like to present on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> to contact him. The agenda for the meeting and other documents can be found at <https://digsafe.fire.ca.gov/>

#### **5. CGA Update**

Ann showed those on the web a picture of So Cal Gas's 30foot shovel that was at the Orange County fair on Saturday, 8-11 day. She said that if any one had photos of events they did on 811 day to send them to Damage Professional Magazine ([Karin@emailir.com](mailto:Karin@emailir.com)) and CGA ([sdaley@commongroundalliance.com](mailto:sdaley@commongroundalliance.com)). She said that the CGA is calling for all its committees to focus on mission and goals with better communication and cross-committee collaboration. She said that the Best Practices passed and the CGA Board approved electronically locatable lines for new installations. She also noted that the Data reporting committee (DIRT) was suggesting that large companies do a mid-year upload so that they could create heat maps but need the information earlier than the following year so that its actionable. Aaron Rezendez asked when they want the information and Ann said they didn't give a specific date. She also said that the CGA DIRT report would be out in September or October.

#### **6. Notification Center Updates**

James Wingate reported that USA North 811 had record setting volume the last 3 months – the busiest ever in their 40 plus years. He said that yesterday they had done 75% of the tickets online. He said their 24/7 pilot program continues as they look at if the safety aspects outweigh the costs. He said that he will be speaking at the Western Regional Gas Conference to discuss 24/7 as will Sandra Holmes from Arizona 811. He said their mobile app has never been closer to being completed. Aaron Rezendez asked about the driver of the costs for 24/7. James said it's the low ticket volume overnight and the inability of those CSR's to be able to do full Quality Assurance as they contact the caller during QA. Sunil Shori asked about the outreach for 24/7. James said the center had sent email blasts to its members, caller data base, social media and contractors associations. He said that its increasing slowly and that on Saturday there were 1,100 tickets done. Ann Diamond asked how many of those were done on the web. James said 88%. Ann then queried if it was due to it being 811 day.

Ann said that after 40 plus years USA North 881 and DigAlert have agreed to a common ticket. They will have the same ticket types, same output and same functionality. This will begin on March 1, 2019 with testing available for those members that parse tickets January 1, 2019. She also said that beginning October 1, 2018, DigAlert would begin transmitting tickets 24/7. She said the currently tickets done online after hours are not sent to members until the next business day. She noted that CGA Best Practice 3-6 on hours of operation for the one-call center says the center can process tickets 24/7. She said that this does not mean that members must respond any differently then they do now. However, she urged members to update their after hours and emergency contact information. She ended her report with stating that through the end of July the center had 6.88% increase in tickets, 47% being done on the web, 87% of updates being done online and 76% of the calls coming in on 811.

#### **7. Damage Prevention using GPS and Motion Detection Update**

Aaron Rezendez from PG&E and Rob Marros from Gas Technology Institute updated the group on the pilot program of a GPS early warning system as an additional layer of protection when excavating. A pdf of the presentation was sent to all CARCGA members. It was noted that PG&E had accurate information on their transmission lines. Steve Woo asked why not have this technology on the phone for the foreman in the field and not tied to a piece of equipment. The concern was many companies have cell phone policies that don't allow them to use a cell phone while operating equipment and the costs associated with data plans. Paul Evans asked if the accurate information was getting to the locators for future use. Aaron said he wasn't sure about that. He did said that they would like to expand the pilot on a larger

scale statewide. If anyone had questions or more thoughts on the project to please contact Aaron at [arr8@pge.com](mailto:arr8@pge.com).

## **8. Committee Reports:**

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

Ann reported that at the June meeting it was requested that financial information be provided at general meetings. She presented the 2017 and 2018 financial information. She noted that the events so far had paid for themselves and that yesterday the final \$500 that was outstanding for a sponsorship of the April event was paid. She also said that CARCGA will begin accepting credit cards for payments when invoices are sent out on November 1, 2018 for 2019 membership.

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

Steve Woo said the committee had met to discuss 4216.4 a & b and what is “in conflict”. He said that the committee was tasked to send him what their idea of “in conflict” meant and the discussion would continue at its September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

Michael Worster said the committee had met to discuss outreach to facility owners about electronic positive response. He said that a flyer was being developed to send out to the center members to encourage them to use electronic positive response through the center. He said that Drew Cooper was updating CARCGA's social media accounts.

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

Ann Diamond said that AB1914 had passed out of Senate Appropriations and was recommended to pass the bill to the floor but the amendments that the Dig Safe Board had approved at their July meeting hadn't been adopted. Tony Marino said that the author was in a challenging position in not accepting the Dig Safe Board's recommendations. He also said there was another entity that had asked that written agreement be added in. Ann noted she would send out any updates as they come in.

## **9. Old Business**

## **10. New Business**

### **A. Nominations for Directors**

Ann announced the stakeholder categories that are up for election this year – electric, engineering, locator, oil, road builder, telecommunication, sewer, and state regulator. 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. She said that the term would be for 2 years.

### **B. Aging Facilities**

Paul Evans brought up the topic of aging facilities and that sometimes through no fault of the excavator other than they are doing work a line is damaged due its age and then they are required to fix it and bring it up to current codes because the materials used are no longer acceptable. This can cost quite a lot of money and it shouldn't be the excavators responsibility to upgrade the substructures. A brief discussion as had. Thomas Young noted that with the new CGA best practice of making sure lines are electronically locatable and getting all the information about where the repaired line is would be beneficial to all.

Ann Diamond asked if encasement of a substructure is considered the same as the substructure, if the encasement is damaged is that reportable and is that part of exposing the line. The consensus was that encasement is part of the protection of the structure and is

there to ensure the integrity of the line and that encasement should be gone around just like a substructure.

**11. 2018 Meetings**

October 9, 2018 – SMUD – 6301 “S” St., Sacramento  
December 11, 2018 – Conference Call  
All CARCGA meetings are scheduled from 9:30am until 1:30pm

**12. Adjourn Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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

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

Ann Diamond (co-chair)	Francis Christensen	Marshall Johnson	Jeff Patrick
Colette Shelly (co-chair)	Cliff Concello	Brad Jones	Gil Rivas
Gilbert Aceves	Alan Coppola	Tom Kaczmariski	Zachary Scofield
Jared Ajlouny	Ryan Dove	Paul Krahl	Sunil Shori
Pritpal Aujla	Paul Evans	Ros Leverett	Matt Smylie
Rick B	Todd Farrell	Deanna Lewotsky	Bob Thorpe
Kev Bagoian	Jorge Gil-Blanco	Steve Marositz	Tim Thrift
Nan Bailey	Shane Granberg	Mike Marrero	William Vogl
Jerry Bufford	Caleb Haus	John McMahon	James Wingate
Bob Carpenter	Anthony Headley	Michael O'Donnell	Thomas Young
Louie Cervantes	Travis Huston	James O'Kane	

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

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

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

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



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	Victor Davis	AT&T	VD1619@ATT.COM	Telecommunication
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	Travis Huston	Pacific Gas & Electric	jthz@pge.com	Gas
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