

CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes
August 8, 2019

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 read the objective and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

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. Steve Woo moved to accept the minutes as emailed and Anthony Headley seconded. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Dig Safe Board Update

Kerstin Lock Tomlinson from the Dig Safe Board updated everyone on what the Board had done at the July meeting including passing regulations on enforcement and area of continual excavation tickets that had just finished its 45 day written comment period, adoption of the regulations for the area of continual excavation ticket renewal requirement and SB1914 implementation for authorization of the rulemaking proceedings. She said that the next meeting would be August 12th in Long Beach and they will be updating on the education in lieu of fines course development and strategic planning. She said the September meeting at LADWP would include an education/outreach meeting. She said that the Dig Safe Board investigators are looking into the accident that happened on July 15th in Murrieta. For the agendas, meeting materials and minutes visit <https://digsafe.fire.ca.gov/>

5. CGA Update

Ann said that Common Ground Alliance had their July meetings in San Diego and that the big news from the meetings was that beginning in 2021 CGA will be holding their own conference/safety expo. 2020 is up in the air for CGA participation. Infrastructure Resources has been the entity producing the show since the early 2000's. Since CARCGA is a regional partner of CGA, CARCGA can't get in the middle of the dispute. Infrastructure Resources says the conference will go on in 2020 in Palm Springs. Ann said the OCSI committee discussed disaster preparation and recovery toolkit that was being developed as well as what Canadian CGA did for education and outreach to event organizers of the "Gold Rush" to discourage them from having contestants "dig" for the hidden gold as they would need to get

tickets. The Education/Marketing committee is working on visor cards based on the excavation chapter of CGA Best Practices. She said that the DIRT committee had begun reviewing the 2018 data and is looking at ways to increase reporting especially from excavators and how to improve data quality. They also discussed alternatives to traditional damages per one call ticket metric to measure damage prevention performance. She said the Best Practices committee approved identifying newly installed or under construction facilities. The new practice will be in the next edition published next March. Ann also noted that the Technology Committee and Best Practices committee met jointly as many best practices have a technology component.

6. Notification Center Updates

Ryan White reported USA North811 has over a million tickets so far this year with a 34% increase overall in tickets. 77% of tickets are being done on the web. He said that their new phone system should be cutting over at the end of September.

Ann said DigAlert hadn't taken over a million tickets this year BUT that if anyone was doing work in Southern California today would be the day to contact the center as the 18th million ticket would be taken today, and the person would get a nice prize. She said that the center was running at a 7% increase over 2018 tickets and 76% of calls are coming in on 811. She said tickets can now be renewed by texting renew and your ticket number to DIGALT(344258). In the future chat bots will be deployed to digalert.org to answer questions using AI

7. Committee Reports:

A. Board of Directors Update.

Ann said that as of July 21 the bank account had \$15,397.92 available. There were 7 sponsors/exhibitors who had paid for the Mock Strike happening on August 9th but 1 had backed out earlier in the week and so the \$3,850 listed as event sponsors might be reduced. At the next Board of Directors meeting the directors will discuss if a refund of any type might be given. She noted that the cost for the event was going to be in the \$500 range as the food was being taken care of by 4 oil operators as part of their public outreach requirements. Marshall asked for a motion to accept the financials. Pete Cerda motioned to accept the financials and Steve Woo seconded. The motion passed.

B. Subsurface Safety and Incident Prevention Committee Update.

Steve Woo reported that the committee had met and would now look at recommendations for requiring traceable lines on new installations. The committee meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 9:30am.

C. Education Programs and Marketing Committee Update.

Michael Worster said the Mock Strike event at the Orange County Fire Authority would be held tomorrow. Ann Diamond said that SoCal Gas had set up media for the event and she thanked SouthWest Gas for their work in creating "live" fire again for the event. She said that there were 6 sponsors and 4 gas/oil operators signed up with booths. There had been about 180 people registered. She noted that this time there would be multiple narrators as the "actors" were demonstrating the 5 steps for a safe excavation.

D. Legislative and Regulatory Committee Update.

Ann reported that the state legislature was on recess until August 12. AB1166 was on the agenda for the Senate appropriations committee when they resume. She noted that the Dig Safe Board was asking for an amendment to allow the Board to grant extensions for operators that show good cause for not being able to implement electronic positive response by January 1, 2021.

8. Old Business

A. CARCGA Logo Contest

Ann said that the Board of Directors had looked at a couple of designs and one was asked to make it more unique as it felt too much like other logos. Ann said the directors should have something for the next Board of Directors meeting on September 5th. Marshall said if anyone else wants to submit to do so now.

9. New Business

Marshall announced that nominations were open for stakeholder members in the following industries – Equipment Manufacturer, Excavator, Gas, Notification Center, Sewer and Water. The term is 2 years and nominations need to be into Ann by October 15th. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Randy Charland said that the group should “dig” into how the electronic positive response system is going to work for the operators and possible response codes. Randy said that since CARCGA has a lot of excavators getting feedback from every group was important. Steve Woo said that the electronic positive response should be a 2 way street. Marshall said that feedback on ideas and suggestions can be given at the full CARCGA meetings. Anthony Headley suggested asking other states what their experiences were for electronic positive response and Cliff Concello said not all homeowners have access to text or emails in areas where there have been disasters.

James Wingate said that he would like to get agreement that pink paint not be used for marking private lines. It was noted that pink is used for surveying.

Anthony Headley asked of a moment of silence in remembrance of those workers who have recently passed.

10. Future Meetings

October 10, 2019 – SeeScan – 3855 Ruffin Rd., San Diego

December 12, 2019 – Conference Call

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

11. Adjourn Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Standing Roster of Sub-Committee Members

Legislative and Regulatory (leg/reg@carcga.org):

Ann Diamond (co-chair)	Francis Christensen	Marshall Johnson	Jeff Patrick
Colette Shelly (co-chair)	Alan Coppola	Brad Jones	Gil Rivas
Gilbert Aceves	Ryan Dove	Paul Krahl	Zachary Scofield
Jared Ajlouny	Paul Evans	Ross Leverett	Sunil Shori
Pritpal Aujla	Todd Farrell	Deanna Lewotsky	Matt Smylie
Kev Bagoian	Jim Frair	Luis Maldonado	Bob Thorpe
Nan Bailey	Jorge Gil-Blanco	Steve Marositz	Tim Thrift
Dorothy Bergman	Shane Granberg	Mike Marrero	William Vogl
Jerry Bufford	Caleb Haus	John McMahon	James Wingate
Jeffrey Burns	Anthony Headley	Erich Metzger	Thomas Young
Bob Carpenter	Brandon Hosang	Michael O'Donnell	
James Chatwin	Travis Huston	James O'Kane	

Education Programs and Marketing (education@carcga.org):

Michael Worster (co-chair)	Amber Dahl	Michael Kucharski	Michael Rukavina
Jared Ajlouny (co-chair)	David Delgado	Valerie Lertyaovant	Aaron Scott
Gilbert Aceves	Ann Diamond	Deanna Lewotsky	Vicky Shankling
Pritpal Aujla	Ryan Dove	Luis Maldonado	Sunil Shori
Jerry Bufford	Paul Evans	Mike Marrero	Thomas Stevens
Jeffrey Burns	Jim Frair	Enrique Miranda	Paul Sutter
Bob Carpenter	Sarah Goodfellow	Colin Miyadi	Tim Thrift
James Chatwin	Russell Guidry	Tony Nicols	William Vogl
Francis Christensen	Anthony Headley	Jeff Patrick	Alexander Williams
Drew Cooper	Travis Huston	Bill Perkins	
Alan Coppola	Paul Krahl	Gil Rivas	

Subsurface & Safety Incident Prevention (ssip@carcga.org):

Steve Woo (co-chair)	Troy Dodson	Jamie Himes	Bill Perkins
Thomas Young (co-chair)	Ryan Dove	Brandon Hosang	Aaron Rezendez
Gilbert Aceves	Paul Evans	Don Hunt	Gil Rivas
Jared Ajlouny	Todd Farrell	Travis Huston	Michael Rukavina
Pritpal Aujla	Jim Frair	Bill Johns	Zachary Scofield
Tony Burnham	Jorge Gil-Blanco	Jared Johnson	Vicky Shankling
Adrian Calixtro	Jose Gonzalez	Paul Krahl	Colette Shelly
Randy Charland	David Graham	Deanne Lewotsky	Sunil Shori
James Chatwin	Ryan Graham	Luis Maldonado	Ronda Shupert
Alan Coppola	Russell Guidry	Erich Metzger	Shant Simonian
Mark Crossland	Kristofer Hanon	Enrique Miranda	Matt Smylie
Victor Davis	Caleb Haus	Bryce Newell	Tim Thrift
David Delgado	Scott Hazlett	James O'Kane	Alexander Williams
Ann Diamond	Anthony Headley	Jeff Patrick	Matthew Woods



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	Dorie Anderson	Sacramento Area Sewer District	andersond@sacsewer.com	Sewer
	Pritpal Aujla	Utiliquest	prtipal.aujla@utiliquest.com	Locator
	Rick B	Advanced Infrastructure Technologies	rickb@advancedworld.com	Locator
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	Nanette Bailey	Sacramento Area Sewer District	baileyn@sacsewer.com	Sewer
	Jeff Barros	Sacramento Area Sewer District	barrosj@sacsewer.com	Sewer
	Doug Beeler	Beeler Construction	dawnabeeler@sbcglobal.net	Excavator
	David Blakeslee	Crimson Pipeline LLC	dblakeslee@crimsonpl.com	Oil
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	Alan Coppola	Travelers	acoppola@travelers.com	Insurance
	Mark Crossland	Plains All American Pipeline	mtcrossland@paalp.com	Oil
	Amber Dahl	Underground Service Alert of SC	amber@digalert.org	Notification Center



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	Ryan Dove	SoCal Gas	rdove@semprautilities.com	Gas
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	Jim Frair	Badger Daylighting Inc.	jfrair@badgerinc.com	Excavator
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	Jamie Himes	Sukut Construction	jhimes@sukut.com	Public Works



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