

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes**  
**SeeScan**  
**3855 Ruffin Rd.**  
**San Diego, CA**  
**October 10, 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 called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and read the objective. He thanked SeeScan for hosting the meeting.

**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. Gilbert Aceves moved to accept the minutes and Erich Metzger seconded. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as emailed.

**4. Dig Safe Board Update**

Kerstin Lock Tomlinson reported that AB1166 was signed by Governor Newsom on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will make electronic positive response mandatory beginning January 1, 2021 with extensions for those operators that can show good cause to the Dig Safe Board. The Board will be creating emergency regulations on what is good cause. She also said that there are 2 regulation packages in the pipeline – enforcement and area of continual excavation (ACE) tickets are at the Office of Administrative Law now and ACE renewals and hand tool regs are being reviewed before going out for 45-day public comment. She said the next meeting will be in December at the Capitol. For agendas, documents and regulations go to the Dig Safe Board website at <https://digsafe.fire.ca.gov/>

**5. CGA Update**

Ann Diamond reported that only 24 people from California had signed up for the 2020 CGA Conference in Palm Springs March 24 through March 26. She said to sign up now for the best deals. Fall CGA committee meetings will be held in Nashville from November 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. CGA also released their 2018 DIRT report and California's will be done soon.

## **6 Notification Center Updates**

Ryan White reported that USA North 811 was seeing a 38% increase in tickets in 2019 but that those numbers are skewed by the Osmose 1 ticket per pole policy they are following. He said that through September the center had taken 1.3 million tickets with 1 million done online. He said that the center was switching to a new phone system October 17<sup>th</sup>. Gilbert Aceves asked how their new phone system was in comparison to DigAlert's. Ryan said that their new system will be cloud based whereas DigAlert's is on site. Marshall Johnson asked about tickets being renewed multiple times for a single pole. James Wingate said that renewals can be a safety issue as the excavator is not asking for remarks after many renewals. He said that the issue should be solved at the CARCGA level before the Dig Safe Board regulates. Sunil Shori asked if this is an isolated issue or more wide spread. Discussion among the group included that sometimes packages for work aren't complete; excavators have to get a ticket before they have all the information; that permitting requirements are telling excavators they need a ticket before they can get a permit; regulations might be too much if this is just an isolated issue; that education to those that issue permits not requiring tickets before a permit is issued and excavators only getting tickets for jobs that can be done in a 28 day period. Ryan said the top 10 ticket days in the center's history all have occurred this year.

Ann Diamond reported that there will be another 811 float in the 2020 Rose Parade. She said to be sure to tune in to see those crazy critters not following safe digging practices while digging a pool. She said the center is not experiencing as much growth as USA North 811 but had a 7% increase over 2018. She said September was the busiest web month ever with 61.5% of tickets done online. She said her dream of all renewals being done online is almost there with 90% being done online. Ann noted that the center was doing a concentrated push to have those that do lots of tickets use DigAlert Direct. Derek Campbell from DigAlert gave a presentation on the ease of use for DigAlert Direct.

Ann said that the centers boards are looking at ticket size to try to have excavators process tickets that are manageable during the active 28-day period, allowing members to locate in a timely manner and to cut down on complex locates that could have a potential for confusion and errors. The Ticket Continuity Committee (TCC) that has members from both boards, is considering ½ mile along the same road in urban areas, each street having its own ticket, 2 miles per ticket along a freeway, tickets being split at county lines, bounded areas not having any streets within it, areas of new construction during mass grading can be on 1 ticket but once streets are built each street would need its own ticket. The center supervisory staff can grant exceptions as they determine. The TCC would like comments from CARCGA members. Discussion among the group included what's the difference between 1 ticket for 2 miles versus 4 tickets all called in for the same start date and time; large amount of administration for the excavators; smaller ticket sizes allowing for better staffing, better planning, less chance of error; large project tickets; currently no requirement for excavators to work with the operator to keep ahead for marking on large projects and large projects to require excavators and operators to meet. Marshall Johnson asked the SSIP committee to look at and make recommendations for large project tickets.

## **7. Committee Reports**

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

Marshall Johnson said the financials showed an ending balance of \$15,885.63 as of September 30, 2019. Stakeholder invoices will be sent out November 1 for 2020 dues and any associate members that want to switch to stakeholder, contact Ann before October 31. Marshall asked for a motion to accept the financials as presented. Gilbert Aceves moved and Ann Diamond seconded. The motion carried.

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

Steve Woo reported that the committee is considering subjects to discuss - requiring all new underground infrastructure to be traceable; a new ticket type for work that will be digging less than 12 inches allowing operators to decide to roll a truck or not which would allow road builders to get a ticket but not have to hand expose if all operators are no conflict.

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

Michael Worster reported on the August 9<sup>th</sup> Mock Strike Event and said it was a great facility with lots of media coverage. There was good feedback and that planning for the next year's event will be starting soon. He said that a YouTube channel for CARCGA was being considered that could feature videos of events and webinars for homeowners and the 811 process. Marshall asked that the committee look to partner with the Dig Safe Board, CSLB, PUC and Infrastructure Resources for booth space at the Palm Springs CGA Conference. Ann said that the centers have a booth that CARCGA could share.

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

Ann Diamond said that as Kerstin Lock Thomlinson noted AB1166 – mandatory Electronic Positive Response – had been signed and those that can show good cause may be granted an extension by the Dig Safe Board. She also said that AB754 was signed which allows the centers to get mapping data from the states GIS department but at this time the data isn't very good. She said that AB754 also adds a reference on solar permits to notify the appropriate regional notification center before conducting excavations. Sunil Shori asked if CARCGA had a position on what should constitute an extension. The leg/reg committee will meet to discuss.

**8. Old Business**

**A. CARCGA Logo Contest**

The board is still working on the logo. There were some tweaks asked of the designer.

**B. Nominations for Stakeholder Members – Equipment Manufacturer, Excavator, Gas, Notification Center, Sewer and Water**

There have been no nominations for Stakeholder members up for election in Equipment Manufacturer, Excavator, Gas, Sewer and Water categories. Nominations are due by October 15th. If there are no nominations, then according to the bylaws those currently serving will continue for another 2 years and if the seat is currently open as is the case for sewer it will be up for election next year. You must be a Stakeholder member to be a Director. Ann said self-nominations are accepted. James Wingate nominated Ann for the Notification Center.

**9. New Business**

**A. Ticket Management – James Wingate**

James said that his concerns about ticket management by keeping tickets active without asking for remarks and asking excavators to get tickets for what they could do in a 28-day period was discussed earlier during ticket size.

**B. California Energy Commission Grant Funding**

Information about grants available was included in the packet. For more information visit <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/solicitations>

**C. Sharing of White Papers, Policies & BMPS – Anthony Headley**

Anthony said to further get our message out we should consider other groups like those that oversee digging permits to share and network our experience and policies. Marshall Johnson asked the Education and Marketing Committee to look at some ideas.

**D. Public Safety Power Shut-Offs**

Marshall Johnson asked about the new PSPS protocol for electric to shut down power when the weather conditions are such to try to prevent fires. He said that their network must remain up and requires back-up power and they may not have ways to re-fuel. Without power, traffic controls can be an issue and that risks workers safety but digging is still proceeding. Erich Metzger noted that the previous day they were only 40% operational due to the power outages. Discussion with the group included if the electric companies could determine a wind speed that the power will be shut off then companies can work with them, dialog between all that are affected, and unintended consequences that frustrate everyone. Gilbert Aceves noted that this was the first time the PSPS were being tried, there would be a learning curve and they will take lessons learned as they move forward.

**10. Future Meetings**

December 12, 2019 – Conference Call

February 20, 2020 – West Valley Construction

655 Campbell Technology Pkwy Ste 250 – Campbell, CA

April 16, 2020 – Conference Call

June 18, 2020 – SC Edison – Chino, CA

August 20, 2020 – Conference Call

October 15, 2020 – TBD – Northern California

December 17, 2020 – Conference Call

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

**11. Adjourn Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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

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

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

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

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Jared Ajlouny	Ryan Dove	Travis Huston	Michael Rukavina
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Dorothy Bergman	Jim Frair	Jared Johnson	Vicky Shankling
Tony Burnham	Jorge Gil-Blanco	Paul Krahl	Colette Shelly
Jeffrey Burns	Jose Gonzalez	Deanne Lewotsky	Sunil Shori
Adrian Calixtro	David Graham	Luis Maldonado	Ronda Shupert
Randy Charland	Ryan Graham	Erich Metzger	Shant Simonian
James Chatwin	Russell Guidry	Enrique Miranda	Matt Smylie
Steve Cleaver	Kristofer Hanon	Dino Montez	Tim Thrift
Alan Coppola	Caleb Haus	Bryce Newell	Alexander Williams
Mark Crossland	Scott Hazlett	James O’Kane	Elizabeth Wilson
Victor Davis	Anthony Headley	Jeff Patrick	Matthew Woods



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