

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes
December 12, 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 9:34 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. Thomas Young moved to accept the minutes as emailed and Randy Charland seconded. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Dig Safe Board Update

Kerstin Lock Tomlinson from the Dig Safe Board told everyone that the Board had met on Monday and discussed a process for receiving questions like interpretations of the law and will be developing a form. She said that at the January meeting a presentation about a near miss by a Board member will occur. She also said the Board talked about what would be a good cause for an extension for those operators that can't meet the 1/1/2021 deadline for electronic positive response. Kerstin also said the January 13/14 meeting would be in Sacramento. For the agendas, meeting materials and minutes visit <https://digsafe.fire.ca.gov/>

5. CGA Update

Ann Diamond said that Common Ground Alliance had their November committee meetings in Nashville. She gave a brief update on what the committees discussed like OCSI and 811 center benchmarking which will look at key metrics that centers are using; Education & Marketing developing a visor card that focuses on the excavation chapter of Best Practices; Data Reporting reviewed several potential revisions to the DIRT form; Best Practices reviewed transactions for communicating potential for Privately-Owned Facilities and Tolerance Zone Definition. Thomas Young said that the CGA wants to produce results not just talk to make real changes to prevent damages. James Wingate said that the 2 transactions would be voted on in January. Anthony Headley noted that the largest construction show (ConExpo) would be held in Las Vegas March 10 through 15. Sunil Shori noted that private locators marking in the same color could be confusing and that maybe a separate marking process in California

for marking private facilities would be beneficial. James said the lines should be marked in the same color. Marshall Johnson suggested that the SSIP committee look at the issue.

6. Notification Center Updates

Ryan White reported USA North811 had a 40% increase in tickets and 1.3 million tickets done through the web. He reported that their new phone system had a few hiccups, but they were working on fixing them. Marshall Johnson asked if the ticket volume increase was a certain type of ticket. Ryan said the pole work being done and the renewals were a large portion of the increase.

Ann said DigAlert had a 6% increase over 2018 tickets. She said October was the busiest month ever for web tickets and her dream that all renewals being done online was almost a reality with 91% being done online. She also reported that the center had a 3-year contract to advertise with the Ducks with in-ice logo and social media contests. She said that text trivia and chatbots are being developed. Soon excavators will be able to renew tickets via text, Twitter and FaceBook. She reminded everyone to watch the Rose Parade on January 1 to see those crazy critters on the 811 float making missteps while digging a community pool.

7. Committee Reports:

A. Board of Directors Update.

Ann said that as of November 30 the bank account had \$17,696.23 available. She reminded those Stakeholder members that hadn't paid their annual dues to do so as soon as possible. She noted that there were 14 that hadn't paid yet and thanked the 22 that had. Colette Shelly suggested sending a friendly reminder to those that hadn't paid yet. Sunil Shori asked about the sponsor that had paid but didn't participate in the August Mock Strike Event and how that was being reported on the financials. Ann said that since we'd been paid and were going to credit them for the next event that it would be reflected at that time. Marshall asked for a motion to accept the financials. Colette Shelly motioned to accept the financials and Anthony Headley seconded. The motion passed.

B. Subsurface Safety and Incident Prevention Committee Update.

Steve Woo reported that the committee had met and discussed the size of the centers tickets and agreed on ½ mile limitations but that a ticket management system for excavators needs to be developed. The committee will look at the other recommendations from the center to discuss at the next meeting.

C. Education Programs and Marketing Committee Update.

Michael Worster said that instead of a Mock Strike Event in 2020 they were looking at a 1 day convention with classes to help outreach for new things that were coming up like electronic positive response and enforcement. A safety rodeo and stakeholders for each type having booths to show each stakeholders perspective on the damage prevention process were suggested. Michael said that committee meeting dates will be changed in 2020 to not conflict with the general CARCGA meetings.

D. Legislative and Regulatory Committee Update.

Ann reported that the committee met to discuss what would be "good cause" for an extension to the mandatory electronic positive response. The operators on the committee said most were going to have systems in place in time and excavators on the committee said that until everyone was using it they won't check with the responses as it's not a failsafe and creates confusion. The committee agreed that cost issues should not be the main concern and if excavators weren't going to use the responses until everyone is using the system, extensions seem to be a hindrance to the electronic positive response system. She said at the Dig Safe Board meeting earlier this week good cause was discussed but

the Board couldn't come to agreement on what good cause for an extension, so the subcommittee of Randy Charland and Amparo Munoz would work on it. Ann asked the group what they thought about "good cause". Discussion was had about the benefits of electronic positive response and whether it might be a good idea if excavators could respond .as well through the system

8. Old Business

A. Electronic Positive Response

Randy Charland said the Dig Safe Board is getting the message out about the 1 year extension to hard to reach entities like cities and counties. He said that initial response codes the centers had were being expanded to cover more possibilities but not so many that they become one offs. Anthony Headley asked if there would be something to hand out explaining the codes. A document that both the members and excavators can use to give a definition and when to use it is being developed by the centers.

B. Stakeholder Directors Elections

Marshall reported that there was no opposition for Equipment Manufacturer, Gas, Notification Center and Water Stakeholder Directors so Thomas Young, Ryan Dove, Ann Diamond and Colette Shelly will remain as the directors. He said the election for the Excavator Director between Erich Metzger and Steve Woo was won by Steve Woo.

9. New Business

Nothing to report.

10. Future Meetings

February 20, 2020 – West Valley Construction – 655 Campbell Technology Pkwy Ste 250 – Campbell, CA

April 16, 2020 – Conference Call

June 18, 2020 – SC Edison Air Operations – 7000 Merrill Ave Bldg A290, Chino, CA

August 20, 2020 – Conference Call

October 15, 2020 – USA North 811 – 4005 Port Chicago Hwy #100, Concord, CA

December 17, 2020 – Conference Call

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

11. Adjourn Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Standing Roster of Sub-Committee Members

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

Ann Diamond (co-chair)	Steve Cleaver	Marshall Johnson	James O’Kane
Colette Shelly (co-chair)	Alan Coppola	Brad Jones	Jeff Patrick
Gilbert Aceves	Ryan Dove	Paul Krahl	Gil Rivas
Jared Ajlouny	Todd Farrell	Ross Leverett	Zachary Scofield
Pritpal Aujla	Jim Frair	Deanna Lewotsky	Sunil Shori
Kev Bagoian	Jorge Gil-Blanco	Luis Maldonado	Matt Smylie
Nan Bailey	Shane Granberg	Steve Marositz	Bob Thorpe
Dorothy Bergman	Gina Hartman	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):

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

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

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



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Initial	Name	Organization	Email	Industry
X	Gilbert Aceves	Southern California Edison	Gilbert.Aceves@sce.com	Electric
	Jared Ajlouny	DACO Construction	jared@dacococonstructs.com	Excavator
	Dorie Anderson	Sacramento Area Sewer District	andersond@sacsewer.com	Sewer
	Pritpal Aujla	Utiliquest	prtipal.aujla@utiliquest.com	Locator
	Kev Bagoian	Utiliquest	kev.bagoian@utiliquest.com	Locator
	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
X	Dorothy Bergman	Southern California Edison	dorothy.bergman@sce.com	Electric
	David Blakeslee	Crimson Pipeline LLC	dblakeslee@crimsonpl.com	Oil
X	Jerry Bufford	SMUD	jbuffo1@smud.org	Gas
	Tony Burnham	Anvil Builders	tburnham@anvilbuilders.com	Excavator
	Jeffrey Burns	Lyles Services Inc	jeffmburns@msn.com	Water
	Adrian Calixtro	Wonderful Orchards	adrian.calixtro@wonderful.com	Agriculture - Commercial
	Bob Carpenter	Southern California Gas	rcarpenter@semprautilities.com	Gas
X	Pete Cerda	Irish Construction	petecerda@irishteam.com	Excavator
X	Randy Charland	UtiliQuest	randy.charland@utiliquest.com	Locator
	James Chatwin	Western Municipal Water District	jchatwin@wmwd.com	Public Works
	Francis Christensen	SMUD	francis.christensen@smud.org	Gas
X	Steve Cleaver	PG&E	steve.cleaver@pge.com	Gas
	Drew Cooper	Utiliquest	drew.cooper@utiliquest.com	Locator
X	Alan Coppola	Travelers	acoppola@travelers.com	Insurance
	Mark Crossland	Plains All American Pipeline	mtcrossland@paalp.com	Oil



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X	Amber Dahl	Underground Service Alert of SC	amber@digalert.org	Notification Center
X	Victor Davis	AT&T	VD1619@ATT.COM	Telecommunication
	David Delgado	Plains All American Pipeline	ddelgado@paalp.com	Oil
X	Ann Diamond	Underground Service Alert of SC	ann@digalert.org	Notification Center
	Troy Dodson	Vactor Manufacturing	tdodson@vactor.com	Equipment Manufacturer
	Susen Doubrava	Helix Water District	susen.doubrava@helixwater.org	Water
	Ryan Dove	SoCal Gas	rdove@semprautilities.com	Gas
	Todd Farrell	Haaker Equipment Co.	todd.farrell@haaker.com	Equipment Manufacturer
	Jim Frair	Badger Daylighting Inc.	jfrair@badgerinc.com	Excavator
	Jorge Gil-Blanco	PG&E	jorge.gil-blanco@pge.com	Gas
X	Jose Gonzalez	SoCal Gas	jgonzalez4@semprautilities.com	Gas
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	Shane Granberg	PG&E	s4gs@pge.com	Gas
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X	Marvena Harris	Contractors State License Board	Marvena.Harris@cslb.ca.gov	Regulator
	Caleb Haus	KRC SAFETY CO., INC.	Calebh@KRCSAFETY.COM	Excavator
	Scott Hazlett	SDG&E	shazlett@semprautilities.com	Gas
X	Anthony Headley	West Valley Construction	aheadley@wvcc.com	Excavator
	Michael Hefley	K&L Contracting Inc.	Mike@KLinc.co	Public Works
	Craig Hill	Sacramento Area Sewer District	hillc@sacsewer.com	Sewer



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	Brandon Hosang	Phillips 66	HOSANBS@P66.COM	Oil
	Don Hunt	McGuire and Hester	dhunt@mcguireandhester.com	Excavator
	Travis Huston	Pacific Gas & Electric	jthz@pge.com	Gas
X	William Johns	Utility Coordinating, Inc.	bjohns@utilicoor.com	Engineering/Design
X	Marshall Johnson	AT&T	mj2949@att.com	Telecommunications
	Jared Johnson	MGE Underground	jared@mgeunderground.com	Excavator
X	Brad Jones	SMUD	Brad.Jones@smud.org	Gas
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	Ross Leverett	Pacific Gas & Electric Company	RALw@PGE.com	Gas
	Deanna Lewotsky	DLEW Services	dlewservices@gmail.com	Oil
	Aaron Lindh	PG&E	aclh@pge.com	Gas
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	Steve Marositz	Kinder Morgan	Steve_Marositz@Kindermorgan.com	Oil
	Mike Marrero	USIC	mikemarrero@usicllc.com	Locator
	John McMahon	Retired	jomac118@gmail.com	Engineering/Design
	Erich Metzger	Veteran Pipeline Construction (a Charge Company)	emetzger@chargeepc.com	Excavator
	Enrique Miranda	Kana Pipeline, Inc.,	emiranda@kanapipeline.com	Excavator
	Collin Miyadi	USA North 811	Collin.Miyadi@usanorth811.org	Notification Center



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X	Dino Montez	Torrance Logistics Company	dino.montez@pbfenergy.com	Oil
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	Bryce Newell	Municipal Maintenance Equipment	bnewell@source-mme.com	Equipment Manufacturer
	Tony Nicols	SECC Corporation	tony@secc-corp.com	Telecommunications
	Courteney Nojiri	Crimson Midstream, LLC	cnojiri@crimsonpl.com	Oil
	Michael O'Donnell	Otay Water District	MIKE.ODONNELL@OTAYWATER.GOV	Water
X	James O'Kane	Southern California Contractors Association	javokane@gmail.com	Excavator
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	Aaron Rezendez	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	arr8@pge.com	Gas
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