

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes**  
**PG&E**  
**3301 Crow Canyon Rd**  
**San Ramon, CA**  
**October 11, 2016**

**Objective:**

Our committee's objectives are to promote the use of the Common Ground Best Practices by encouraging stakeholders to accept and fulfill their shared responsibility in damage prevention; to welcome all stakeholders within our region and encourage their participation on this committee; to educate both committee members and non-members regarding Common Ground Best Practices; to identify issues concerning damage prevention within our region and attempt to construct practices to resolve them; to exchange ideas and information with other Regional CGA Committees. When a new damage prevention practice is created, the committee may forward the practice onto the appropriate CGA Committee for their consideration as a best practice. Our committee's efforts in damage prevention will help eliminate damages to underground facilities, 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 am. and read the committee's objective

**2. Self-Introductions:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Stake Holder</b>	<b>Email</b>
1. Jerry Bufford	SMUD	Gas	<a href="mailto:jbuffo1@smud.org">jbuffo1@smud.org</a>
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3. Pete Cerda	Irish Construction	Excavator	<a href="mailto:petecerda@irishteam.com">petecerda@irishteam.com</a>
4. Ann Diamond	DigAlert	Notification Center	<a href="mailto:ann@digalert.org">ann@digalert.org</a>
5. Paul Evans	Ghilotti Construction	Road Builder	<a href="mailto:paule@ghilotti.com">paule@ghilotti.com</a>
6. Anthony Headley	West Valley Const	Excavator	<a href="mailto:aheadley@wvcc.com">aheadley@wvcc.com</a>
7. Brad Jones	SMUD	Gas	<a href="mailto:bjones1@smud.org">bjones1@smud.org</a>
8. Aaron Rezendez	PG&E	Gas & Electric	<a href="mailto:arr8@pge.com">arr8@pge.com</a>
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13. Catherine Simonsen	SMUD	Electric & Gas	<a href="mailto:catherine.simonsen@smud.org">catherine.simonsen@smud.org</a>
14. Chelsea Watkins	3M	Equipment	<a href="mailto:cwatkins@mmm.com">cwatkins@mmm.com</a>
15. Ryan White	USA North 811	Notification Center	<a href="mailto:rwhite@usan.org">rwhite@usan.org</a>
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18. Gilbert Aceves	SC Edison	Electric	<a href="mailto:gilbert.aceves@sce.com">gilbert.aceves@sce.com</a>
19. Brice Box	Kinder Morgan	Oil	
20. Jose(Louie) Cervantes	Shell Pipeline	Oil	<a href="mailto:jose.cervantes@shell.com">jose.cervantes@shell.com</a>
21. Randy Charland	Utiliquest	Locator	<a href="mailto:randy.charland@utiliquest.com">randy.charland@utiliquest.com</a>
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25. Marvena Harris	CSLB	Regulator	
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32. Steve Woo	HCI Inc	Excavator	<a href="mailto:swoo@hci-inc.com">swoo@hci-inc.com</a>
33. Thomas Young	SeeScan	Equipment	<a href="mailto:thomas.young@seescan.com">thomas.young@seescan.com</a>

### **3. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Marshall asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as emailed.

### **4. CGA Update**

Ann Diamond said that the CGA will have committee meetings in November in Indianapolis. The 2015 DIRT report has been published and estimated that damages dropped by 9%. While nationally the report showed that "excavation practices not sufficient" was the leading damage cause, here in California it's still "no notification to the center". She noted that there was an issue between the number of events reported nationally for California versus what was reported through CARCGA's DIRT program. Ann said she thinks it's a national company that hasn't granted access for their data to CARCGA's Virtual Private DIRT, one of the issues of using a Virtual Private DIRT. She also said that CGA had released their new 811 guidelines. The new tag line is "Know what's below. 811 before you dig." She said more information is available at [commongroundalliance.com](http://commongroundalliance.com)

### **5. Notification Center Updates**

Ann Diamond reported DigAlert was up 4.05% in ticket volume this year with 66% of the calls coming in on 811 and 40% of tickets being done electronically. She said that 72% of updates/extensions are now being done electronically. She said the center celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Now with the changes to the law the center is working on changing the ticket questions as well as implementing electronic positive response.

Ryan White said that USA North 811 through September was up 13% in tickets and 54% of their calls were coming in on 811 and 35% of the tickets are being done on the web. He said the center had rebranded its single address tickets to 811 Express and that the usage was up 238% in August compared to July and the use was sustained through September. He said they are making changes to the script to simplify the questions for a 30% reduction in talk time. He said it should be live in December or January. He said 2017 was bringing more positive changes to their website with a redesign and more tools to do things online. The center is targeting the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter for implementation for their app. Paul Evans asked about the wait time he had experienced when calling in a damage/exposed ticket. Ryan said they are working on options to split the call queues. Aaron Rezendez asked if they are getting feedback from users in their design of the app. Ryan said that after the launch they will get users experience for enhancements

### **6. Committee Reports:**

#### **A. Governance Committee Update.**

Marshall Johnson said that the by-laws will be updated to include agriculture as a stakeholder type and change the name from "one-call" to "notification" center. He also said that nominations for the directors for each stakeholder group will be sent out soon and that the director for each stakeholder group will be the one voting on behalf of that stakeholder group. Each director will be responsible to get thoughts on issues brought before CARCGA from the other members in their stakeholder group and vote their wishes. Ann Diamond noted that only about 37 people had signed up and do sign up now as the distribution list will be purged soon.

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

Steve Woo reported that the committee had agreed to recommendations on steps to be taken when digging around high priority facilities. Those recommendations can be found [here](#). He said the committee will now return to looking at shallow facilities. Marshall Johnson asked everyone to review the recommendations and get feedback at the December meeting.

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

Amber Dahl said that the response to the SoCal Mock Underground Line Strike and Emergency Response Event had been tremendous. There would be a rehearsal on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> and the event would be on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>. She thanked all CARCGA members for sending out the invitations and she gave special kudos to Paul Krahl with SWS Gas for his work in securing a location as well as their fabrication of a "real fire".

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

Ann Diamond said the Governor had signed SB661. The majority of the changes go into effect on January 1, 2017. She said that she developed a summary of changes that can be found [here](#).

She thanked everyone who worked on these changes for so many years. Now the committee will see about working with the new safety board on some best practices like vacuum use for hand exposing, high priority meetings and potholing. Aaron Reznedez asked about the CARCGA presentation and the changes that would need to be made to it and that the Education/Marketing committee should work on that. Ann noted that it might be difficult to get the committee together to work on it at this point of the year and with the changes to committee members with the new membership.

**7. Issues from previous meeting**

Nothing to report

**8. Issues for future discussion:**

Ryan White asked about 2017 meetings. Ann noted that with the new board the dates might change so nothing has been scheduled yet.

Colette Shelly asked if a comprehensive list of all members would be available. Ann said once it was complete she would send out to the membership.

Jerry Bufford asked the group what they do about field meets with contractors that go south. Discussion included trying to contact someone else within the company, remembering that communication is key and that collaboration will help in making digging safe for all.

Catherine Simonsen said that SMUD was partnering with PG&E for a Call before You Dig Event on November 1, 2016. Information about the event can be found [here](#).

**9. 2016 Meeting Schedule:**

**a. Conference Calls 2016**

*December 13, 2016*

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

**10. Adjourn Meeting:**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

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

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

Ann Diamond (chair)	Caleb Haus	David Peery
Gilbert Aceves	Anthony Headley	Gil Rivas
Nan Bailey	Jared Johnson	Richard Sahagun
Jerry Bufford	Marshall Johnson	Colette Shelly
Emily Cohen	Tom Kaczmariski	Sunil Shori
Alan Coppola	Paul Krahl	Matt Smylie
Ryan Dove	Christopher Lee	Phil Vermeulen
Paul Evans	Steve Marositz	Ryan White
Ivan Fox	John McMahon	Tom Williams
Rudy Gallagher	Gail McMorran	Thomas Young
Jennifer Garcia	Craig Norleen	

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

Amber Dahl (chair)	Rudy Gallagher	Vicky Shankling
Gilbert Aceves	Patrice Heyer	Sunil Shori
Jerry Bufford	Marshall Johnson	Catherine Simonsen
Louie Cervantes	Christopher Kenney	Phil Vermeulen
Alan Coppola	Paul Krahl	Ryan White
Tod Decker	Susanne May	Tom Williams
David Delgado	Enrique Miranda	Michael Worster
Ann Diamond	David Peery	
Paul Evans	Aaron Rader	

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

Steve Woo (chair)	Casey Gallagher	Stanley Llaban
Gilbert Aceves	Rudy Gallagher	Gail McMorran
Nan Bailey	Jennifer Garcia	Enrique Miranda
Deon Bozzo	Caleb Haus	David Peery
Randy Charland	Anthony Headley	Aaron Rader
Shawn Clark	Kurt Hess	Richard Sahagun
Alan Coppola	Don Hunt	Aaron Scott
Victor Davis	Bill Johns	Colette Shelly
Tod Decker	Jared Johnson	Sunil Shori
Art DeLeon	Marshall Johnson	Matt Smylie
David Delgado	Tom Kaczmariski	Phil Vermeulen
Ann Diamond	Christopher Kenney	Frank Williams
Hector Dominguez	Dave Koontz	Tom Williams
Ryan Dove	Peter Kuchinsky	Michael Worster
Paul Evans	Amy Leung	Thomas Young

### **Governance ([governance@carcga.org](mailto:governance@carcga.org)):**

Marshall Johnson (chair)	Sunil Shori
Amber Dahl	Steve Woo
Ann Diamond	