

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes  
December 13, 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. Gilbert Aceves	SC Edison	Electric	<a href="mailto:gilbert.aceves@sce.com">gilbert.aceves@sce.com</a>
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5. Alan Coppola	Travelers	Insurance	<a href="mailto:acoppola@travelers.com">acoppola@travelers.com</a>
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22. Colette Shelly	East Bay MUD	Water	<a href="mailto:colette.shelly@ebmud.com">colette.shelly@ebmud.com</a>
23. Ryan White	USA North 811	Notification Center	<a href="mailto:rwhite@usan.org">rwhite@usan.org</a>
24. Steve Woo	HCI Inc	Excavator	<a href="mailto:swoo@hci-inc.com">swoo@hci-inc.com</a>
25. Michael Worster	AT&T	Telecom	<a href="mailto:mw4298@att.com">mw4298@att.com</a>

**3. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**

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

**4. CGA Update**

Ann Diamond said that the CGA revealed the 811 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary surprise as a hot air balloon starting in Sacramento in April 2017 and ending in Virginia on August 11<sup>th</sup> (811 day). Registration is open for next March's annual excavation and safety conference and expo at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida. Register online at <http://cgaconference.com>.

**5. Notification Center Updates**

Ann Diamond reported that so far this year the center is up about 5% in the number of tickets generated and 66% of the calls came in on 811. She said that online tickets were running about 40%

of the total. She also mentioned that 72% of the update tickets were coming from the app or website. She also said the in October & November DigAlert Express – the single address tickets – had over 7,000 done. She said the center is diligently working to get the new 4216 requirements incorporated into its system to be ready for a 1/1/2017 start.

Ryan White said that USA North 811 is up 10% on tickets and 54% of calls are coming in on 811. He said web tickets account for 34% of the ticket volume. He said that USA North 811 had expected to take a million tickets in 2016 but will be just short of that. He told the group that the center is rebuilding its website and it should be done by the end of January. They are also working on an app and a Facebook messenger bot that should be ready in April. He also said that 811 Express mapping is being boosted by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017. Ryan thanked PG&E and San Jose Water for committing to doing their tickets online. He encouraged others to commit to doing their tickets online.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

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

Nothing to report.

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

Steve Woo said the committee had a meeting last week to discuss the path forward and topics to be addressed. Topics include: embedded facilities, depth of excavation not a consideration, OSHA rules, many excavators not aware of what is considered an excavation and work on federal installations. Randy Charland said the issue with the federal installation had come up and that it had to do with security and the military personnel not wanting to leave a paper trail by getting a ticket and that locators couldn't have cell phones or cameras on the base. Randy said they are working with the baes to figure something out to keep the lines safe. Steve said the next meeting will be on January 10 and if anyone would like to join the committee to let him know.

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

Ann Diamond said that Amber Dahl would be stepping down as chair of the committee as she will be very busy next year with the changes in the law and educating facility owners and excavators. Ann asked if Michael Worster would be interested in serving as chair of the committee or if there were any others interested. Hearing no other volunteers Michael said he would serve as chair.

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

Ann Diamond said that clean up changes would be introduced in the next legislative session. She noted that the definition of abandoned lines wasn't included but operators were to mark abandoned lines with an A in a circle. She also said that the term "approximate location" was still listed in a section but without a definition of approximate location issues could arise. She said that the committee would now look at how to help the new Board with regulations.

## **7. Issues from previous meeting**

New CARCGA Stakeholder Directors

Marshall Johnson congratulated the following stakeholder directors for the CARCGA Board

Bill Johns – Engineering/Design  
Thomas Young – Equipment  
Steve Woo – Excavator  
Jeff Carroll – Gas  
Randy Charland – Locator

Ann Diamond – Notification Center  
Steve Marositz – Oil  
Paul Evans – Road Builders  
Marshall Johnson – Telecom  
Colette Shelly - Water

He said the Board would meet to vote for officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, President, Secretary and Treasurer). The next steps after getting the officers would be to open a bank account and file the paperwork for tax exempt status. Thanks to those stakeholder members that have paid their dues and for those that haven't yet please do so as soon as possible.

## **8. Issues for future discussion**

SB661 – Excavator/Utility Policy Changes for Definition of Hand Tool

Anthony Headley asked the group if their companies were changing internal policies on how to handle soil conditions that aren't conducive to hand tools since there is now a firm definition of what is considered a hand tool. He said that his company wants to get on the front side of the issue. Currently they use a clay spade for hand exposing lines. After some discussion that included making sure everyone keeps documentation and to communicate between excavators and operators before an issue arises as opposed to after the fact, Marshall Johnson asked that the issue be reviewed by the SSIP committee.

Paul Evans asked that conference call information be included in the body of all evites for easy access to the information.

**9. Next Meeting:**

**2/14/2017 9:30 am – Plains All American Pipeline – 5900 Cherry Ave, Long Beach, CA**

**10. Adjourn Meeting:**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

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

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

Ann Diamond (chair)  
Gilbert Aceves  
Nan Bailey  
Jerry Bufford  
Louie Cervantes  
Alan Coppola  
Ryan Dove  
Paul Evans

David Feliciano  
Caleb Haus  
Anthony Headley  
Marshall Johnson  
Brad Jones  
Tom Kaczmariski  
Steve Marositz  
John McMahon

Jeff Patrick  
Gil Rivas  
Colette Shelly  
Matt Smylie  
William Vogl  
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Thomas Young

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

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Jerry Bufford  
Louie Cervantes  
Alan Coppola  
Amber Dahl  
David Delgado  
Ann Diamond

Ryan Dove  
Paul Evans  
Christopher Kenney  
Enrique Miranda  
Colin Miyadi  
Jeff Patrick  
Gil Rivas  
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Vicky Shankling  
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### **Subsurface & Safety Incident Prevention ([ssip@carcga.org](mailto:ssip@carcga.org)):**

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David Delgado  
Ann Diamond  
Ryan Dove  
Paul Evans

David Feliciano  
David Graham  
Caleb Haus  
Anthony Headley  
Jamie Himes  
Don Hunt  
Bill Johns  
Jared Johnson  
Tom Kaczmariski  
Enrique Miranda

Jeff Patrick  
Aaron Rezendez  
Gil Rivas  
Vicky Shankling  
Colette Shelly  
Catherine Simonsen  
Matt Smylie  
Bob Strickland  
Alexander Williams  
Thomas Young