

**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:

Name	Company	Stake Holder	Email
1. Gilbert Aceves	SC Edison	Electric	gilbert.aceves@sce.com
2. Pete Cerda	Irish Construction	Excavator	petecerda@irishteam.com
3. Jose(Louie) Cervantes	Shell Pipeline	Oil	jose.cervantes@shell.com
4. Randy Charland	Utiliquest	Locator	randy.charland@utiliquest.com
5. Alan Coppola	Travelers	Insurance	acoppola@travelers.com
6. David Delgado	Plains All American	Oil	ddelgado@paalp.com
7. Ann Diamond	DigAlert	Notification Center	ann@digalert.org
8. Paul Evans	Ghilotti Construction	Road Builder	paule@ghilotti.com
9. David Feliciano	PG&E	Gas	dmfg@pge.com
10. Anthony Headley	West Valley Const	Excavator	aheadley@wvcc.com
11. Bill Johns	Utility Coordinating	Engineering	bjohns@utilicoor.com
12. Jared Johnson	MGE Underground	Excavator	jared@mgeunderground.com
13. Marshall Johnson	AT&T	Telecom	mj2949@att.com
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15. Dave Mauerman	Gold Shovel		dave@goldshovelstandard.com
16. John McMahon	retired-LADWP	Engineering	jomac118@gmail.com
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21. Vicky Shankling	Nor-Cal Pipeline	Excavator	vicky@norcalpipe.com
22. Colette Shelly	East Bay MUD	Water	colette.shelly@ebmud.com
23. Ryan White	USA North 811	Notification Center	rwhite@usan.org
24. Steve Woo	HCI Inc	Excavator	swoo@hci-inc.com
25. Michael Worster	AT&T	Telecom	mw4298@att.com

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 10th anniversary surprise as a hot air balloon starting in Sacramento in April 2017 and ending in Virginia on August 11th (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 1st 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):

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
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Jeff Patrick
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Louie Cervantes
Alan Coppola
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Christopher Kenney
Enrique Miranda
Colin Miyadi
Jeff Patrick
Gil Rivas
Aaron Scott

Vicky Shankling
William Vogl
Chelsea Watkins
Alexander Williams

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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