

**CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes**  
**April 12, 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 9:34 am. and read the committee's objective.

**2. Self-Introductions:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Stake Holder</b>	<b>Email</b>
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5. Amber Dahl	DigAlert	Notification Center	<a href="mailto:amber@digalert.org">amber@digalert.org</a>
6. Victor Davis	AT&T	Telcomm	<a href="mailto:vd1619@att.com">vd1619@att.com</a>
7. Ann Diamond	DigAlert	Notification Center	<a href="mailto:ann@digalert.org">ann@digalert.org</a>
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19. Lisa Voight			
20. Andy Wells	PG&E	Gas & Electric	
21. Ryan White	USA North 811	Notification Center	<a href="mailto:rwhite@usan.org">rwhite@usan.org</a>
22. Steve Woo	HCI Inc	Excavator	<a href="mailto:swoo@hci-inc.com">swoo@hci-inc.com</a>
23. Michael Worster	AT&T	Telcomm	<a href="mailto:mw4298@att.com">mw4298@att.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 approved as emailed.

**4. CGA Update**

Ann Diamond said that the CGA's annual convention was held last month in Las Vegas and she heard it was well attended. One of the main items from the conference was the tag line of "Know what's below Call before you dig" will more than likely be changed to "Know what's below 811 before you dig", the logo will remain the same. The CGA Education & Marketing committee is looking at ads for the 2017 Super Bowl since it will be held in Houston and there are a lot of pipeline companies in the area. The data committee (DIRT) is reviewing the data form for possible changes in 2018. They are also focusing on better conclusions and possibly looking at damage ratios. Best Practices version 13 are now available – download from [www.carcga.org](http://www.carcga.org) or Ann has a few hard copies if anyone wants them.

## **5. Notification Center Updates**

Ann Diamond reported that so far this year the center is up about 5.5% over 2015 in the number of tickets generated and that 37% were done via the web and 64% of the calls came in on 811. She said it wasn't an April Fool's day joke – on April 1 the most web tickets ever happened with 55% being done via web or apps. She said a lot were updates. The center has just introduced batch/bulk updates for on-line or via apps. Just check the box next to the tickets one wishes to update. It's a great time saver for those that have lots of tickets. Ann also said that the Can You Dig It campaign is being done again for National Safe Digging Month and prizes can be won – go to <http://safedigging.me>

Marshall Johnson congratulated Ryan White on his new position of General Manager of USA North 811. Ryan went on to report that USA North 811 is up 16% on tickets and 26% on transmissions and e-tickets are up 51% from last year. 27% of their tickets are e-tickets. He said that the NDP – Norfield Development Partners – cut over would begin at 7pm on Thursday April 28 and everything should be up and running on Friday April 29 on the new system. He said that for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row USA North 811, DigAlert, Dig Safely New York and Kentucky 811 had secured a sponsorship of jockey riding in the Kentucky Derby. This year Junior Alvarado will be riding Mohaymen in the Derby and jockey Mike Smith will be aboard SongBird in the Kentucky Oaks race the day before the derby. Ryan says we are hoping for a 3<sup>rd</sup> straight derby win sporting 811 on the jockey's silks. Marshall Johnson asked both centers if members of CARCGA could attend their upcoming annual meetings. Both centers said yes visitors are welcome – DigAlert on Thursday April 28, 2016 starting at 9:30 am and USA North 811 on Wednesday May 24th beginning at 10am.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

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

Marshall Johnson reported that CARCGA is now incorporated but the by-laws need to be formally voted on before the tax exempt process can begin. There is a lot of work to get finalized. He said at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting there will be a vote on the by-laws so we can proceed. He requested that everyone review the by-laws and be ready for the vote. (Proposed by-laws can be reviewed at [www.carcga.org/downloads/by-laws.pdf](http://www.carcga.org/downloads/by-laws.pdf))

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

Steve Woo said the committee had been meeting to come up with recommendations for better awareness of high priority lines and steps to take. Some of the items include:

- Valid contact information for both the excavator and operator,
- Include “hp” in the markings of the line,
- Operator contacts the excavator prior to the start date of the excavation to inform of the hp facility and if possible set up a meet before that start date,
- If operator not able to contact excavator and excavator sees “hp” marked excavator needs to contact the operator,
- Excavator can't begin work until after the meeting with the hp operator,
- If observer is needed operator will supply at their cost,
- Document markings by the operator and excavator after the locates are placed.

Sunil Shori said he didn't like the “if possible” in the meeting requirement. Ann Diamond said that sometimes a meeting can't be done prior to the start date and Steve said the committee is still working on the issue. Shawn Nesgis asked about markings in areas that can't use paint. Steve said that had been brought up at the last meeting and Ryan Dove had agreed to identify possible solutions and to bring them to the committee.

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

Michael Worster gave an update on the Mock Utility Strike event to be held in Northern California. Michael said the event would be held on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Academy South Bay Regional Public Safety Training in San Jose. Senator Hill will be the keynote speaker and there would be an emergency response team, vendor booths and BBQ for all attendees. Vendors must provide their own tables/chairs/canopies. The event will be free but donations/sponsorships are welcome. A sample agenda and draft of the flyer can be found at [www.carcga.org/downloads/2016\\_mock\\_event.pdf](http://www.carcga.org/downloads/2016_mock_event.pdf)

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

Ann Diamond reported SB661 sailed through the Senate committees and has been sitting at the Assembly desk since January 26<sup>th</sup>. Senator Hill's office is waiting on the governor's office to send their proposal for changes. She said the committee has been working on changes to the vacuum excavation section to make it a bit less cumbersome for excavators but still giving the operators the information they need to make sure their facilities are protected. The committee is getting close to agreement and want to get to the full CARCGA for review to hopefully get the changes into SB661. She also said that the 2015 DIRT data has been downloaded and the initial review is that there were more events input this year but there was an 11% increase in tickets in the state and only a 3.5% increase in facility events. 55% of the events this year had no tickets where last year there was 63% without tickets. Pete Cerda asked how many didn't have excavation permits. Ann said that information is not something that's collected but that public right of way versus private property is.

**7. Issues from previous meeting**

**A. CARCGA Goals**

Marshall Johnson said all committees should supply goals before the next meeting.

**8. Issues for future discussion:**

Pete Cerda asked about issues of definitions of tolerance zone. Marshall asked Steve to have the SSIP committee look at this.

Paul Evans asked if there could be established guidelines for bills when there are damages. If the damage is only a portion but the operator determines the facility needs to be completely replaced due to age should the excavator have to pay for the entire project when it's not necessarily the excavators fault? Paul said companies are not willing to amicably work for settlements. Marshall Johnson said maybe an ad hoc committee could look at this as, each company has different procedures and requirements.

**9. 2016 Meeting Schedule:**

**a. Conference Calls 2016**

*August 9, 2016*

*December 13, 2016*

**b. In Person Meetings 2016**

*June 14, 2016 – DigAlert – 1379 Pico St #101, Corona, CA*

*October 11, 2016 – PG&E – 6111 Bollinger Canyon Rd, San Ramon, CA*

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

**10. Adjourn Meeting:**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

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

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

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

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

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Gilbert Aceves	Patrice Heyer	Vicky Shankling
Jerry Bufford	Marshall Johnson	Sunil Shori
Louie Cervantes	Christopher Kenney	Catherine Simonsen
Alan Coppola	Paul Krahl	Phil Vermeulen
Tod Decker	Susanne May	Ryan White
David Delgado	Enrique Miranda	Tom Williams
Ann Diamond	David Peery	Michael Worster
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
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Deon Bozzo	Caleb Haus	David Peery
Randy Charland	Anthony Headley	Aaron Rader
Shawn Clark	Kurt Hess	Aaron Scott
Alan Coppola	Don Hunt	Colette Shelly
Victor Davis	Bill Johns	Sunil Shori
Tod Decker	Jared Johnson	Matt Smylie
Art DeLeon	Marshall Johnson	Phil Vermeulen
David Delgado	Tom Kaczmariski	Frank Williams
Ann Diamond	Christopher Kenney	Tom Williams
Hector Dominguez	Dave Koontz	Michael Worster
Ryan Dove	Peter Kuchinsky	Thomas Young
Paul Evans	Amy Leung	

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

Marshall Johnson (co-chair)	Ann Diamond
Aaron Rezendez (co-chair)	Sunil Shori
Amber Dahl	Steve Woo