

CA Regional CGA Committee Minutes
DigAlert
1379 Pico St #101
Corona, CA
June 14, 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. Randy Charland	Utiliquest	Locator	randy.charland@utiliquest.com
3. Shawn Clark	Cardno	Engineering	shawn.clark@cardno.com
4. Alan Coppola	Travelers	Insurance	acoppola@travelers.com
5. Amber Dahl	DigAlert	Notification Center	amber@digalert.org
6. Victor Davis	AT&T	Telcomm	vd1619@att.com
7. David Delgado	Plains All American	Oil	ddelgado@paalp.com
8. Ann Diamond	DigAlert	Notification Center	ann@digalert.org
9. Debra French	State Fire Marshal	Regulator	debra.french@fire.ca.gov
10. Rick Gaylean	Gold Shovel		rick@goldshovelstandard.com
11. Anthony Headley	West Valley Const	Excavator	aheadley@wvcc.com
12. Jim Hosler	State Fire Marshal	Regulator	james.hosler@fire.ca.gov
13. Marshall Johnson	AT&T	Telcomm	mj2949@att.com
14. Peter Kuchinsky	ACWA, JIPA	Insurance	pkuchinsky@acwajpia.com
15. Dave Mauerman	Gold Shovel		dave@goldshovelstandard.com
16. Aaron Rezendez	PG&E	Gas & Electric	arr8@pge.com
17. Sina Suemoto	Utiliquest	Locator	sina.suemoto@utiliquest.com
18. Thomas Williams	State Fire Marshal	Regulator	tom.williams@fire.ca.gov
19. Steve Woo	HCI Inc	Excavator	swoo@hci-inc.com
<u>Via Conference Call</u>			
20. Pete Cerda	Irish Construction	Excavator	petecerda@irishteam.com
21. Jose(Louie) Cervantes	Shell Pipeline	Oil	jose.cervantes@shell.com
22. Tod Decker	Blois Construction	Excavator	toddecker@bloisconstruction.com
23. Art DeLeon	Underground Const	Excavator	art@undergrnd.com
24. Paul Evans	Ghilotti Construction	Road Builder	paule@ghilotti.com
25. Marvena Harris	CSLB	Regulator	
26. Bill Johns	Utility Coordinating	Engineering	bjohns@utilicoor.com
27. Jared Johnson	MGE Underground	Excavator	jared@mgeunderground.com
28. Collin Miyadi	USA North 811	Notification Center	cmiyadi@usan.org
29. Shawn Nesgis	Union Sanitary	Sewer	shawnn@unionsanitary.ca.gov
30. Vicky Shankling	Nor-Cal Pipeline	Excavator	vicky@norcalpipe.com
31. Colette Shelly	East Bay MUD	Water	cshelly@edmud.com
32. Sunil Shori	CPUC	Regulator	sks@cpuc.ca.gov
33. Ryan White	USA North 811	Notification Center	rwhite@usan.org
34. Michael Worster	AT&T	Telcomm	mw4298@att.com

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 Data, Education and Technology committees were meeting this week in Virginia and that the Data committee – the one that handles DIRT - will probably be changing the collection form beginning in 2018. They are removing the field Data Not Collected along with some other fields. Once they have finalized CARCGA will have to change our forms too. OCSI, Best Practices, Stakeholder Advocacy and the CGA Board of Directors will be meeting in July in Pennsylvania. Ann noted that 811 had a good run with the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. She also showed a screen capture of game 3 of the NBA finals in Cleveland with the 811 logo displayed over a tunnel. She said that 16.5 million viewers watched the game. Dominion Gas in Ohio has a partnership with the Cleveland Gladiators an arena football team that plays at the Quicken Loan Arena.

5. Notification Center Updates

Ryan White said that USA North 811 through April was up 13% in tickets and 53% of their calls were coming in on 811 and 26.6% of the tickets are being done on the web. He said the center successfully cut over to the NDP platform at the end of April. He said they are pushing single address input via the web and the program has been optimized for phone and tablet use. He said it's an easier way to input tickets and they are trying to move as many people away from calling. Aaron Rezendez asked about the outreach for e-ktk use. Ryan said they would send an email blast and social media to provide a nudge to use e-ktk. Paul Evans asked Ryan about the bugs and said that United Contractors members were having some issues. Ryan stated that they are resolving issues as they are brought to them.

Ann Diamond reported that the DigAlert was up 5.72% in ticket volume this year with 65.4% of the calls coming in on 811 and 38.7% of tickets being down electronically. She said that 70% of updates/extensions are now being done electronically and the center wants that to be closer to 100%. She said that the launch of "batch update" has been great in getting those numbers up. She said that it's very easy to update tickets this way.

6. Committee Reports:

A. Governance Committee Update.

Aaron Rezendez said that CARCGA was incorporated now but before we can file the IRS paperwork we need to take an official vote on the by-laws. Aaron moved to accept the by-laws as presented. Shawn Nesgis seconded. The by-laws were approved.

B. Subsurface Safety and Incident Prevention Committee Update.

Steve Woo reported that the committee had been meeting to discuss high priority lines and safe practices. The committee is almost ready to present recommendations but are still working on the best way to mark HP on surfaces other than pavement.

C. Education Programs and Marketing Committee Update.

Amber Dahl thanked Michael Worster for a great Mock Utility Strike & Emergency Response Event last Friday. Some of the pictures that were taken were shown. To see a power point of pictures from the event, click [here](#). Michael said there was a good mixture of attendees. He said the emergency response was as if it was a real hit. The BBQ was good too. Michael said he'd like to send a survey out to those in attendance to see what they thought was good and what suggestions they would have for improvement. Marshall Johnson congratulated both Amber & Michael for a great CARCGA event and thanked all the exhibitors, speakers and "actors". Marvena Harris asked about video of the event. Michael said that City of Palo Alto took video and would edit it for CARCGA. Ann said once that's received it can be uploaded to the CARCGA website. Pete Cerda said that Fox news ran footage on the 11pm news. Michael said he would try to get a link for that as well.

D. Legislative and Regulatory Committee Update.

Ann Diamond updated the group on the status of SB661 – it was supposed to be heard in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce committee last week but was pulled by Senator Hill. SB661 must

get through the committee process and pass the Assembly before August 31 to be considered for the Governor's signature.

She also gave an update on the PHMSA meeting that occurred at the end of April with the State Fire Marshal, Department of Justice, California Public Utilities Commission and Notification Centers. PHMSA is going to all states and reviewing state excavation damage prevention law enforcement programs. If the answer is no to any of the first 3 of the questions in their review, then the damage prevention law is deemed inadequate. 2 of the questions the answer in California is yes – does the state have the authority to enforce 4216 using civil penalties and does 4216 designate an agency or agencies the responsibility to enforce. The 3rd question - was there enforcement in the previous calendar year – no. PHMSA will send a determination letter and states that are found inadequate will have 5 years to become compliant. After that 5 years, grants from PHMSA could be decreased. PHMSA is looking at enforcement of gas and pipelines and excavators that damage those type of lines only. CPUC and State Fire Marshal currently have enforcement but not through 4216 which is what PHMSA wants to see. Sunil Shori noted this was the culmination of years of rulings and that it is very serious if someone is fined at the federal level.

Ann said the committee had been working on vacuum language changes for inclusion in SB661. She handed out the changes – see the suggested wording [here](#). There was some discussion about the changes suggested including that there should be more questions asked and an online form should be developed. Ann mentioned that legislation doesn't like to have all the technical aspects in it and that the committee had been discussing this for months and felt that this didn't put too much work on either the excavator or facility owner in determining if vacuum use could be used for hand exposing lines. Paul Evans noted that Senator Hill said there should be best practices for pot holing and that these suggested requirements aren't practical. Ann noted that if SB661 the way it is currently written is passed, then any violation could be brought to the panel including not getting permission to use vacuum equipment and fines could be levied.

Ann said the California DIRT report is almost done. She noted that the additional fields that are specific to California aren't being done and that maybe we should drop them. Less than 1% of the time are any of those fields filled out. She also noted that some clarification in root cause might be necessary. She gave some examples of "other" being listed as the root cause but the further description was couldn't be located due to water leak – the correct root cause should be facility not located or marked. Another example – after hours' emergency – no call to notification center should be root cause and the additional field of If no call to center – was job an emergency should have been checked. To get meaningful data we need to have those collecting the data aware of what is appropriate. There was some discussion about moving the questions that are California specific to the beginning. Ann said that since we use the national DIRT database and format there isn't much we can change. Marshall asked if CARCGA could develop an app for DIRT input. Rick Gaylean said that Gold Shovel had developed one for their excavators that they then use to upload to the national database.

7. Issues from previous meeting

A. CARCGA By-Laws

Voted on during the Governance Committee report.

8. Issues for future discussion:

Peter Kuchinsky handed out an article from the Cal OSHA Reporter fines levied for the Bakersfield incident last November. For a copy of the article click [here](#).

9. 2016 Meeting Schedule:

a. Conference Calls 2016

August 9, 2016

December 13, 2016

b. In Person Meetings 2016

October 11, 2016 – PG&E – 3301 Crow 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 11:05am.

Standing Roster of Sub-Committee Members

Legislative and Regulatory (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 Kaczmarek	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):

Amber Dahl (chair)	Rudy Gallagher	Aaron Rezendez
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):

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 Kaczmarek	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):

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