



## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016

**TIME:** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATIONS:**

- NV Energy, 1 Ohm Place, Reno, NV
- NV Energy, 7155 Lindell Road, Las Vegas, NV

**MEETING ATTENDEES:** Jay Mendiola, NV Energy | Jackson Bergland, ELM | Jack Byrom, TMWA | Mike Fitzgibbons, Comstock Insp. | Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline | Julie Hearn, Southwest Gas | Mike Moody, Southwest Gas | Alex Murray, ELM | Ken Saarem, PUCN | Billy Relph, CenturyLink | Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell | Craig Rogers, PUCN | Dave Dahl, Kern River Gas | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Dennis Bott, Southwest Gas | Greg Noel, USIC | Rick Torrens, KCI | Bob Ward, NV Energy | Roger Brady, Trench Plate Rental Company | Steve Priscu, City of Boulder City | Kenya Henderson, LVVWD | Tom Georgi, LVVWD | Kathy Gentile, SNHBA | Wayne Scott, AT&T

**Standing Items:**

**1. Introductions (Jay Mendiola)**

Self-introductions took place.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda (Jay Mendiola)**

Jack Byrom made a motion to adopt the agenda. Alex Murray seconded the motion.

**3. Financial Status Report – For Information Only (Dawn Rivard)**

Dawn updated the group on the NRCGA's account balance. Membership dues are due Jan. 1, 2017. Members can expect to receive invoices for 2017 dues via email.

**4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**

Since the last meeting, the PUCN has issued two warning letters in the north and two in the south.

**5. CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Cesar Castillo, Bob Ward)**

The CGA has issued an 811 video challenge to help mark 811's 10 year anniversary. To get the challenge going, the CGA challenged 7 companies, including USIC, to create short videos detailing the impact 811 has had on damage prevention. This challenge is similar to the ice bucket challenge. Companies that take the video challenge then challenge another company to make a video, and so on. Videos can be made with a smart phone or by a video production team. The NRCGA will decide whether or not to take part in the challenge if and when we're nominated. For more information, visit <http://www.811videochallenge.com/>. To see challenge videos to date, visit <https://www.facebook.com/CGAConnect>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**6. Taskforce for Locate Rodeo (Craig Rogers)**

Craig would like the NRCGA to host an annual locate rodeo, rotating between the north and south. The first rodeo, to be held in 2017, would be in Las Vegas, followed by a 2018 rodeo in the Reno-area, etc. Since the rodeo would be an annual event, Jack Byrom moved to create a permanent Locate Rodeo Committee. Craig seconded the motion. Bob Ward nominated Dennis Bott to chair the committee; Dave Dahl seconded the motion. Jay Mendiola, Jack Byrom, Alex Murray and Rick Torrens volunteered to be on the committee. If interested in joining this committee, contact Dennis at [dennis.bott@swgas.com](mailto:dennis.bott@swgas.com). The committee will likely meet from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. prior to NRCGA regularly scheduled monthly meetings.



**7. National 811 Campaign Featuring Mike Rowe (Dennis Bott)**

Sander Resources will be launching an 811 campaign featuring Mike Rowe and has scheduled a series of webinars about the program and how organizations can participate. Dawn will email info about the webinars to members. Dennis Bott will watch one of the webinars to see if this campaign is a good fit for the NRCGA.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

**8. Excavator Appreciation Event (Craig Rogers, Bob Ward)**

The Nov. 3 event in Henderson had a record attendance of 108 people, about 20 more than our previous record. Things to improve for next year: food vendor, more raffle prizes and more vendors in the vendor expo. The new Locator of the Year Award was well received, as were the various speakers. Dawn sent out a survey to attendees to receive feedback on the event.

**9. Education/Training (Jay Mendiola, Tom Georgi, Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott)**

Since the last NRCGA monthly meeting, Mike Moody conducted one training in the north for 65 public works employees. Cesar has conducted a couple Spanish-language trainings in the South. He has a Spanish class scheduled for Nov. 17 with 75 RSVPs. In the south, 1000+ people will have received training by the end of 2016. If anybody would like to schedule a training, please contact Dennis Bott at [dennis.bott@swgas.com](mailto:dennis.bott@swgas.com).

**10. Budget Committee (Jay Mendiola)**

Jay hopes to hold a teleconference before the Dec. 20 NRCGA monthly meeting. Prior to the teleconference, Craig will send Jay the cost to send A Byrd Underground representative to the annual CGA conference and to send the Locator of the Year to the Int'l Locate Rodeo.

**11. USA North 811 (USAN) – NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Tom Georgi, Donnie Foster)**

USAN held a teleconference with board members on Nov. 9. The average call time is down 15 seconds to just under 6 minutes. CGA best practices calls for a 30-second hold time. USAN has decided to hold quarterly board meetings rather than monthly. Bob and Craig recently worked with USAN to clear an issue with the legal start time USAN was providing excavators who called in after 4:45 p.m. If the problem persists, please let Bob and Craig know.

**NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:**

**12. NRCGA EMERGENCY CONTACT CARDS (Dave Dahl)**

Dave distributed updated cards at the Nov. 3 Excavator Appreciation Event in Henderson. He sent the northern NV version to Jay Mendiola for distribution and gave Dawn the remaining southern NV cards for distribution. Anyone wanting these cards should contact Dawn, [drivard@puc.nv.gov](mailto:drivard@puc.nv.gov), or Jay, [jmendiola@nvenergy.com](mailto:jmendiola@nvenergy.com).

**13. Contractors & Excavation Law (Julie Hern)**

Julie has been working with contractors boards and building departments in the north to see if their contractor tests include questions about Nevada excavation law. A & B contractor tests include a couple 811-related questions, C and landscaping tests don't. NRCGA members asked Julie to share contractor tests with members to see what excavation questions are included. The Carson City Building Department has offered to add a link to the NRCGA's website on its website.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016**