



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017

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:

- **North:** Jay Mendiola, NV Energy | Mike Moody, Southwest Gas | Geoff Daferno, TMWA | Mike Fitzgibbons, Comstock Inspection | Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline | Alex Murray, ELM
- **South:** Billy Relph, CenturyLink | Boyd Duchene, CCWRD | Cesar Castillo, R. P. Weddell | Craig Rogers, PUCN | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Dennis Bott, SW Gas | Dick Schneider, Trench Shoring | George Brown, ELM | Greg Noel, USIC | Larry Fortin, NUCA Las Vegas | Mike Marrero, USIC | Rick Torrens, KCI | Roger Brady, Trench Plate Rental | Steve Marositz, Kinder Morgan | Vincent Reger, Cardno TBE | Wayne Scott, AT&T | Ernest Sanchez, Unlimited Constriction | Douglas Conroe, NPL | Jesse Hawkins, NPL
- **Phone:** Don Goodwin, Cox | Verlyn Bailly, Transcanada

Standing Items:

1. Introductions (Jay Mendiola)

Self-introductions took place.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Jay Mendiola)

The agenda was adopted with no amendments. Motion to adopt from Alex Murray; seconded by Jamie Haas.

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

Dawn updated the group on the NRCGA's account balance. As of this date, 2017 dues have been received from Arizona Pipeline, CenturyLink, cities of Boulder City & Henderson, Clark County Water Reclamation District, Comstock Inspection, Cox Communications, KCI Technologies, Kern River Gas, Las Vegas Electric, Las Vegas Paving, NPL Construction, Paiute Pipeline, Prospector Pipeline Company, PUCN, Q&D Construction, Rio Virgin Telephone Co., RP Weddell, Southwest Gas, TransCanada/Tuscarora Gas, Trench Plate Rental, Trench Shoring, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, USA North 811, VTN Consulting, and Washoe County.

4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)

Since our last meeting the PUCN has issued one warning letter and one citation. PUCN inspectors are seeing an issue with landscapers "squeezing the line." Craig is going to meet with OSHA about this issue. We need to get the word out that if you bend over a service, you need to call 911. The NRCGA also needs to incorporate this message into our excavator training course.

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

Cesar Castillo provided an update on CGA activities.

New Business:

6. Ticket Start Time (Jay Mendiola)

Craig Rogers said he would ask PUCN Staff Counsel for guidance on whether or not the excavation start time is 48 hours from the dig ticket submittal or the contractor's stated start date, which could be days or weeks after the contractor submits the dig ticket.

PUCN Staff Counsel provided the following Nevada Administrative Code to clarify this issue.



NAC 455.145 Restrictions upon and duties of excavator before commencement of excavation or demolition. (NRS 455.137, 703.025, 704.260, 704.280)

1. Except when commencing an emergency excavation as provided in the provisions of subsection 2 of NRS 455.110, an excavator:

(a) Shall not commence an excavation or demolition:

(1) Until each operator of a subsurface installation within the affected area of the proposed excavation or demolition has marked the location or has provided the approximate location of the subsurface installations of the operator pursuant to the provisions of NAC 455.125; and

(2) Before:

(I) The date and time the excavator identified as the date and time of commencement of the excavation or demolition; and

(II) Two working days after the date and time the excavator provided notification to the association for operators.

7. Nevada Excavation Manual & Stick-On Calendars (Jay Mendiola)

USA North will not be revising or reproducing the Nevada Excavation Manual anymore. The NRCGA may need to form a committee to produce these manuals as an NRCGA product. USA North will also no longer purchase or distribute dashboard calendars. Jay would like to continue purchasing and distributing these calendars as an NRCGA product since they tend to be popular giveaways. Boyd Duchene will ask USA North during the next board meeting why USA North will no longer produce these two items.

Sub-Committee Reports:

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

- Mike Moody said he conducted a training for 8 employees of a Fallon company.
- Dennis Bott reported on a new online database, <http://nrcga.org/excavator-training-attendance/>, to track training attendance.
- Craig Rogers said landscapers continue to be an issue. Many landscapers are big companies and continue unsafe practices. Cesar said two landscaping companies are scheduled to take the NRCGA's training this month and Dennis has been putting a lot of effort getting landscapers in for training. Wayne Scott said he can have his guys check to see if landscapers have dig tickets while they're out driving around during the course of their work activities. Craig would like to find a way to reach out to landscaping companies, but so far has been unable to find a trade group representing this industry. He's going to try the Nevada State Contractor's Board to get a list of landscapers.

9. Budget Committee (Jay Mendiola)

Jay is still trying to put together information on sponsorship opportunities and a budget committee meeting.

10. Locate Rodeo Committee (Dennis Bott)

The committee met on Jan. 12. The committee is currently reaching out to a potential venue to set the rodeo date and time.

11. 811 Safety Day (Cesar Castillo)

This event is in the planning stages. Cesar hopes to hold a small event this year in April, which is Nat'l Safe Digging Month. Cesar has several sponsors lined up.

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

Donnie Foster is resigning his board position. USA North will hold its Nevada meeting on Feb. 8 at NV Energy's office. Board members will vote in a replacement for Donnie at that time. Boyd, Tom Georgi, Bob Ward and Donnie are current board members.



Non-Agendized Items:

13. Emergency Contact Cards (Dave Dahl)

Dave had 1000 more contact cards printed. Jay will be the keeper of the northern cards and Dawn will be the keeper of the southern cards should you need any. Dennis Bott took a stack of cards to distribute to students who take the NRCGA Excavator Safety Training.

14. Annual State of Nevada Filing (Dick Schneider)

Dick filed the NRCGA's annual list of officers with the state for the year 2017.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017