



## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, April 18, 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 | Geoff Daferno, TMWA | Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline | Jackson Bergland, ELM | Jack Byrom, TMWA
- **South:** Boyd Duchene, CCWRD | Cesar Castillo, R. P. Weddell | Craig Rogers, PUCN | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Dave Dahl, Kern River | Dave Roy, City of Henderson | Dennis Bott, SW Gas | Dick Schneider, Trench Shoring | Greg Noel, USIC | Harley Hartman, ELM | Harold Lefler, ELM | Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment | Mike Marrero, USIC | Rick Torrens, KCI | Roger Brady, Trench Plate Rental | Bob Ward, NV Energy | Steve Priscu, City of Boulder City | Wayne Scott, AT&T
- **Phone:** Colin Miyati, USA North 811 | Ryan White, USA North 811

**Standing Items:**

**1. Introductions (Jay Mendiola)**

Self-introductions took place.

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

Jackson Bergland made a motion to adopt the agenda as is. Jeff Daferno seconded the motion.

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

Recent expenditures included reimbursing Tyler Byrd (2016 Excavator of the Year in the south) for his CGA annual conference expenses, and hard hat stickers for the NRCGA's Training Committee. Dues were received from Haaker Equipment and Clark County Public Works.

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

The PUCN has issued 3 citations and 3 warning letters since our last meeting to both utilities and contractors. The PUCN is still seeing an issue in the field with squeezing over gas lines after they've have been hit. It's happened 4 or 5 times since Jan.

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

Cesar reported that April is Nat'l Safe Digging Month.

**New Business:**

**6. Promotional Opportunities (Jay Mendiola, Mike Moody & Bob Ward)**

- The NRCGA will sponsor the Reno Aces with help from NV Energy, SW Gas and USA North 811.
- The owner of America Rents stores in Carson and Reno agreed to place 811 stickers on all his rental equipment.
- Gov. Sandoval issued a proclamation declaring April safe digging month in Nevada.
- The CGA has a partnership with Lowes to promote 811 nationally. Stores sold in Lowes have sleeves placed around the trunks that talk about 811 and 811 procedures.
- The PUCN has five 811 billboards in the Las Vegas area and four in Elko. The billboards will be displayed throughout April. The billboards were paid for with grant money from PHMSA.



**Sub-Committee Reports:**

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

- There were no trainings in the north since our last meeting. However, one is scheduled for April 20 at SW Gas's office in the north.
- So far in the first quarter of 2017, approximately 600 people have been trained in the south. The goal is to have 2 classes per month in the south – one English, one Spanish.
- Cesar has scheduled six classes in April to accommodate 250 NDOT employees.
- Dennis thanked NRCGA members who have contributed to this committee's swag bags. He will bring a sample to next month's meeting to show what's in them.

**8. 811 Safety Day (Cesar Castillo)**

The first 811 Safety Day will be in 2018. A potential location is the Science & Engineering Building at UNLV, which is where the June 3 Int'l Locate Rodeo will be held. 811 Safety Day would include 3 or 4 classes and an outdoor component. Caterpillar Equipment has expressed interest in sponsoring the event. Possibly, 811 Safety Day may be combined with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Int'l Locate Rodeo.

**9. Locate Rodeo Committee (Dennis Bott)**

The NRCGA website has all the info you need to know about the rodeo. Several committee members are going tomorrow to UNLV to do more scouting for wheel placement. The committee has developed 3 sponsorship levels. 100% of sponsorship money will go to division winners and the overall winner. We need at least 31 volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering, let Mike Marrero know.

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

The board hasn't met since our last NRCGA meeting. Ryan White reported that USA North 811 will be hiring a new executive director soon. He also said that USA North 811's call times are down. E-tickets are finally taking off, with 42% of all 811 requests coming in electronically. USA North 811 also made a change to its call script, which has helped process calls faster.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 16, 2017**