



## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016

**TIME:** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATIONS:**

- Jay Mendiola hosted in Reno at Ohm Main Room, Reno, NV
- PUCN hosted at PUCN office, 9075 W. Diablo Drive, #250, Las Vegas, NV

**MEETING ATTENDEES:** Jay Mendiola, NV Energy | Dennis Bott, Southwest Gas | George Browne, ELM | Dave Dahl, Kern River | Boyd Duchene, CCWRD | Harold Lefler, ELM | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Craig Rogers, PUCN | Bob Ward, NV Energy | Tom Georgi, LVVWD | Neil Pascual, PUCN | Wayne Scott, AT&T | Mike Moody, Southwest Gas | Jackson Bergland, ELM | Jack Byrom, TMWA | Mike Marrero, USIC

**Standing Items:**

**1. Introductions (Jay Mendiola)**

Attendees at the northern and southern locations introduced themselves.

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

Mike Moody made a motion to adopt the agenda. Jackson Bergland seconded the motion.

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

Dawn updated the group on the NRCGA's account balance.

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

Since the last meeting, the PUCN has issued two violations in the south and multiple warning letters. The south is still experience "lots of damages." One reason may be an upturn in construction. On Oct. 25, the PUCN will conduct a settlement hearing on Spanish Springs.

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

No update.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**6. 2016 Budget (Jay Mendiola)**

Jay Mendiola volunteered to chair the budget committee. Mike Moody, Dennis Bott, Jack Byrom and Dawn Rivard volunteered to be committee members. Email Dawn Rivard at [drivard@puc.nv.gov](mailto:drivard@puc.nv.gov) if you'd like to be part of this committee.

**7. Silver Shovel Award (Craig Rogers)**

**Northern Nevada:** The NRCGA hosted its annual Excavator Appreciation Day event on Sept. 21 at the Carson Nugget. Sixty excavators attended. Granite Construction won the top award, which the north has named the Ken Jones Memorial Award. Patrice Heyer from USA North 811 gave an educational presentation to the group. More info about the event is available here: <http://nrcga.org/11th-annual-contractor-recognitionsafe-event-held-carson-city/>.

**Southern Nevada:** The southern Silver Shovel Committee held interviews on Oct. 13 to determine the silver shovel and locator of the year award winners. The winners will be announced at the Excavator Appreciation Event & BBQ on Nov. 3 at the Henderson Convention Center. The silver shovel winner will receive a silver shovel trophy and one free trip to the 2017 CGA annual conference in Orlando. The locator of the year winner will receive a belt buckle and a free trip to the 2017 international locate rodeo in Texas. Next year the committee would like the NRCGA to host a locate rodeo with at least 50 competitors from across the state. In



order to compete, a locator would have to have zero damages the previous year. The winner from the Nevada locate rodeo would compete in the Texas locate rodeo.

**8. TAG Grant (Kenya Henderson, Dawn Rivard)**

The final \$10,000 from PHMSA has been deposited to the NRCGA's bank account. Dawn Rivard will apply for this grant when it re-opens for applications.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

**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 with 30 in attendance. Dennis Bott said five trainings have been conducted in the south. One of the trainings was mandated by Kern River for an excavator caught performing an unauthorized excavation in Kern River's right-of-way. The excavator was required to take the NRCGA training before being allowed to excavate in the Kern River right-of-way. To date, 1,000 excavators have taken the NRCGA's training in 2016. If anybody would like to schedule a training, please contact Dennis Bott at [dennis.bott@swgas.com](mailto:dennis.bott@swgas.com).

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

At the last NV Committee meeting, a 12% rate increase was voted in. The increase will be used to hire three new customer service representatives to reduce call wait times. USA North 811 has not had a rate increase in years. The average hold time for a caller to USA North 811's call center is 5 – 6 minutes. Forty seconds is the national average for 811 call center hold times.

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

**NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:**

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

Dave will have these cards read to distribute at the Nov. 3 Excavator Appreciation Event in Henderson.