



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 19, 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 | Daniel Adesina, PUCN | Jack Byrom, TMWA | Geoff Daforno, TMWA
Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline
- **South:** Bill Riggs, ELM | Boyd Duchene, CCWRD | Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell | Craig Rogers, PUCN | Dennis Bott, SW Gas | Dave Roy, City of Henderson | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Greg Noel, USIC | Harley Hartman, ELM | Harold Lefler, ELM | Mike Marrero, USIC | Rick Torrens, KCI | Robert Ward, NV Energy | Brad Poulson, Kern River | Tom Georgi, LVVWD | Wayne Scott, AT&T | Jack Haake, USIC | Ken Blumberg, CCWRD | Ken Spencer, USIC | Steve Priscu, City of Boulder City | Two Interns with Dennis Bott, SW Gas
- **Phone:** James Wingate, USA North | Ryan White, USA North | Colin Miyadi, SW Gas | Jimmy Smith, SW Gas | Rudy Ricardo, SW Gas | Julie Hearn, SW Gas | Don Goodwin, Cox Communications | Verlyn Baily, Transcanada | Billy Relph, CenturyLink

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 as is and Geoff Deforno seconded it.

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

Dawn provided an update on NRCGA expenditures since the last meeting and current balance. The PUCN received \$85,000 in grant funds from PHMSA to support NRCGA activities, including the NRCGA's excavator appreciation events, locate rodeo, and first ever 811 Day. The PUCN will refund the NRCGA for expenditures related to those events at two specified times during the grant period. The NRCGA must follow state of Nevada purchasing procedures.

4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)

The PUCN issued 4 civil penalties and 6 warning letters. Most of this enforcement activity was in the north.

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

Tabled.

New Items:

6. Unknown Line (Ken Spencer)

The PUCN has received complaints about the response to unmarked lines. There's no protocol in Nevada, which leaves the contractor who finds unmarked lines stuck. Craig asked Ken to research what other states do in this scenario. Ken found out that, in Arizona, when a contractor uncovers an unmarked line, the contractor must report it to the one-call center. Craig said we need to implement a process in Nevada that requires utilities to show up in a timely manner and identify unmarked lines so that contractors can get back to work. We need someone with authority from the utilities to go to the site of unmarked lines to determine ownership. Jay said NV Energy responds within 2 hours to calls about unmarked lines in the north.



Committee Reports:

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

- One training in the north for a landscape company.
- 70 companies have been trained and over 1200 individuals so far this year.
- The online request for training in the south has pre-scheduled dates/times for Spanish and English trainings. Those interested in receiving NRCGA training select the training they're interested in taking.
- Southwest Gas held a training for a small company.
- Southwest Gas will hold a Nov. 2 training approximately 50 companies. All have damages a SW Gas facility.
- SW Gas uses the NRCGA training and their own OSHA training during their trainings.

8. Locate Rodeo Committee (Dennis Bott)

The committee met from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. prior to the NRCGA meeting. The 2018 rodeo will take place on April 14, 21 or 28. We're still waiting for UNLV's opinion/decision. In order to be eligible to compete, a locator must have been damage free between 2/28/2017 – 2/28/2017. Registration will be open until March 31. Each company will be able to send one wildcard competitor. There's room on the committee for anyone who wants to participate. We need more volunteers because we're going to have more wheels – 2 for each category (gas, water, power and communications).

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

The committee did not meet. Nothing to report.

Non-Agendized Items:

10. Board of Directors (Jay Mendiola)

There are five board vacancies – 4 secondary and one primary. Please bring nominations to the next meeting or let Jay know. We'll try to fill these positions in the Nov. meeting.

11. Excavator Appreciation Events (Jay Mendiola, Bob Ward)

- **Southern Nevada:**
 - The event will be held on Nov. 9 at the Henderson Convention Center.
 - Based on stats from USA North, 4 excavators were nominated and interviewed for the Silver Shovel. Nominations were based on the number of dig tickets called in and no at-fault damages between May 2016 – May 2017. The winner will be announced at the event.
 - Phillip Ciotti from Kinder Morgan will provide a presentation on encroachments.
 - The NRCGA will gift each attendee a set of earbuds with the NRCGA logo imprinted on them.
 - Tyler Byrd, last year's silver shovel winner, will provide a presentation on his experience as excavator of the year.
 - A USA North representative will provide a presentation.
- **Northern Nevada** – the event will be held in early December at the Nugget.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017