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## Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** April 17, 2018

**TIME:** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATIONS:**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

- **North:** Jack Byrom, TMWA | Geoff Daferno, Truckee Meadows Water Authority | Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline | Jay Mendiola, NV Energy | Rudy Ricardo, Southwest Gas
- **South:** Boyd Duchene, Clark County Water Reclamation District | Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell | Dave Roy, City of Henderson | Greg Noel, USIC | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment | Rick Torrens, KCI | Robert Ward, NV Energy | Tom Georgi, Las Vegas Valley Water District | Dwayne Wilson, Wells Cargo | Brett Willis, Silver Lake Construction Company | Jerry Poage, USIC | Cindy Shackelford, Kern River Gas
- **Phone:** Dwayne Wilson, Wells Cargo | Ryan White, USA North | Brad Paulson, Kern River

**STANDING ITEMS:**

**1. Introductions (Bob Ward)**

Self-introductions took place.

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

Cesar Castillo made a motion to adopt the agenda. Boyd Duchene seconded the motion.

**3. Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**

Dawn, Bob Ward, Jay Mendiola, Mike Marrero, and Dennis Bott met recently to create a budget for 2018. The PUCN lost the PHMSA grant the NRCGA was depending on for 2018 programming. As a result, the NRCGA decided not to set aside funds for an 811 Day Block Party. The NRCGA will fund the Utility Locate Rodeo, a Reno Aces promotion, and excavator appreciation events in the north and south.

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

The PUCN issued two civil penalties – one in the north and one in the south. No warning letters issued. One of the penalties was issued to a utility and one to an excavator.

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

The CGA's newest best practice book (15.0) is out. Cesar will review it to see what's new in this edition from the 14.0 version.

**6. Positive Response Program (James Wingate for Ryan White)**

There are 35 members in Nevada using the system. If you're having trouble setting up codes, call Nick White, Member Services Coordinator, at [nick.white@usanorth811.org](mailto:nick.white@usanorth811.org) or 925-222-6501.

**7. Damage/Exposed Ticket (Ryan White)**

Per discussion at the NRCGA's March meeting, Craig Rogers is supposed to set up a best practices committee. Ryan would like to be on the committee and will follow up with Craig.

**NEW ITEMS:**

**8. Reno Aces Promotion (Jay Mendiola)**

The NRCGA is going to do another \$10,000 promotion with the Reno Aces for the 2018 baseball season. The NRCGA will pay \$10,000 to the Aces. Southwest Gas, NV Energy and USA North will each reimburse the NRCGA \$1500. This will be the NRCGA's 2<sup>nd</sup> year engaging in this promotion.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **North (Jay Mendiola)** – No trainings in the north.
- **South (Dennis Bott, Cesar Castillo)** – Two trainings conducted in the south – one in English and one in Spanish.

**10. Locate Rodeo Committee (Dennis Bott, Mike Marrero)**

Volunteers are still needed. Everything else is ready to go on April 28.

**11. 811 Safety Day (Mike Marrero)**

The Reno Aces offered the NRCGA a \$5000 program to conduct an 811 Day Block Party on Aug. 11. The price sounds right. Mike is talking with Southwest Gas about partnering. Wells Cargo may also be a financial sponsor. At a minimum, Wells Cargo can bring a semi for touch-a-truck. RP Weddell and Haaker Equipment can also bring a truck.

**12. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Tom Georgi)**

Board members have to go to Board of Directors training for new members. NV members are not required to attend any meetings in person. They can attend by phone. Any Board member cannot miss more than three meetings in a year.

**13. Best Practices Committee (Craig Rogers)**

Well Cargo would like this committee to create a best practice for subs working for a sub, calling in gas ticket and gas standby. Wells Cargo would like to simplify the process. SW Gas inspectors say all subs have to call in gas standby for the same job. This may be a SW Gas requirement, not a rule.

**Non-Agenda Items**

**14. National Safe Digging Month (Bob Ward)**

Dawn posted an 811 Day Proclamation from Governor Sandoval to the NRCGA's website and Facebook page.

**15. SNHBA Golf Tournament (Bob Ward)**

The NRCGA paid for a \$600 sponsorship for this tournament.

**Next Meeting: May 16, 2018**