
Minutes

MEETING DATE: May 15, 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 | Mike Fitzgibbons, Comstock Inspection | Jay Mendiola, NV Energy | Aaron Quilici, Southwest Gas | Rudy Ricardo, Southwest Gas | Ken Saarem, PUCN
- **South:** Bill Riggs, ELM | Billy Relph, CenturyLink | Boyd Duchene, Clark County Water Reclamation District | Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell | Dave Roy, City of Henderson | Dennis Bott, Southwest Gas | Greg Noel, USIC | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Harley Hartman, ELM | Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment | Mike Marrero, USIC | Nick Nishihama, City of Las Vegas | Rick Torrens, KCI | Robert Ward, NV Energy | Steve Priscu, City of Boulder City | Tom Georgi, Las Vegas Valley Water District | Jerry Poage, USIC | Cindy Shackelford, Kern River Gas | Bill Well, Las Vegas Paving | Joseph Norby, City of Las Vegas
- **Phone:** Ryan White, USA North | Colin Miyadi, USA North | Marshal Johnson, AT&T | Verylyn Baily, Transcanada

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 reported on money spent for the April 28 rodeo and the current status of the NRCGA budget.

4. Enforcement Actions (Ken Saarem for Craig Rogers)

The PUCN issued verbal and written warnings recently.

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

Nothing new to report.

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

Nothing new to report – waiting for Craig Rogers to start Best Practices Subcommittee.

7. Damage/Exposed Ticket (Ryan White)

Nothing new to report – waiting for Craig Rogers to start Best Practices Subcommittee.

NEW ITEMS:

8. Emergency Contact Cards (Dawn Rivard)

Kern River has published the latest edition of these emergency contact cards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:



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

- **North** – Southwest Gas conducted one training in April and has one scheduled for May.
- **South** – Two trainings conducted in the south – one in English and one in Spanish. Cesar is still passing out training fliers at home improvement stores.
- **Bag Stuffing** – The training committee is getting ready to stuff swag bags for training attendees once again. If any NRCGA members would like to contribute swag or educational materials to the bags, please let Dennis know. Last year the training committee trained 1800 people – all 1800 received swag bags.

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

The rodeo went off without a hitch. Thirty-five competitors registered; 27 actually showed up and competed. Darrell Herbert, a line locator with ELM, won the Jackpot Locate. USA North 811 created a 2:25 minute video about the event: <https://youtu.be/4hu6fFvizAk>.

11. 811 Safety Day (Mike Marrero)

Mike continues to negotiate the cost of an Aces partnership. Southwest Gas plans to be involved with the Aces on Aug. 11. Mike's trying to negotiate the cost due to the 811 message already being part of the marketing on Aug. 11 due to SWG's involvement.

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

The California Public Utilities Commission is asking 811 member organizations to pony up the cost for damage prevention outreach staff. USA North will bill Nevada members in such a way as to ensure Nevada members are not paying for a California-mandated outreach initiative.

13. Best Practices Committee (Craig Rogers)

Tabled.

Non-Agenda Items

14. Golf Tournaments (Bob Ward)

- **SNHBA Tournament:** The NRCGA paid \$650 to sponsor a tee at the SNHBA's May tournament. Bob, Cesar Castillo and Greg Noel represented the NRCGA at the event. They made contacts with developments who may send employees to the NRCGA's excavator training.
- **NUCA Tournament:** The NRCGA will also sponsor a tee at NUCA's June 2 tournament. Bob, Cesar Castillo and Bill Riggs volunteered to represent the NRCGA at this event.
- **NRCGA Tournament:** The NRCGA may want to investigate hosting a tournament of our own as a potential revenue generator. Bob plans to sit down for a conversation with Dave Rice, NUCA's tournament organizer, to see what it takes to put on a golf tournament.

15. NRCGA Meeting Frequency/Guest Speakers (Jay Mendiola, Bob Ward)

Jay suggested holding NRCGA membership meetings every two months instead of every month. This idea was not approved. Especially as we get closer to events (811 Day, Rodeo, excavator events, etc.), we need to meet monthly to get information to members by meeting monthly. Bob suggested inviting speakers to speak on a damage-prevention-related topic, for 10-15 minutes, to add more value for members. As a result, Bob will set up the first guest speaker for the NRCGA's July meeting.

Next Meeting: June 19, 2018