
Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Sept. 17, 2019

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:

- **South:** Boyd Duchene, CCWRD | Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell | Cindy Shackelford, Kern River Gas | Craig Rogers, PUCN | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Dennis Bott, SW Gas | Greg Noel, USIC | Mike Marrero, USIC | Nathan Snider, Cox Communications | Nick Nishihama, City of Las Vegas | Rick Torrens, KCI | Robbie Reed, City of Henderson | Robert Ward, NV Energy | Bobby Theis, City of Las Vegas | Collin Miyadi, USA North 811 | Steve Wibaida, NPL | Mark Olson, Clark County Public Works | Douglas Conroe, NPL | Ashley Thorp, Terra Contracting
- **North:** Jack Byrom, TMWA | Jay Mendiola, NV Energy | Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline | Tom Clifton, TMWA | Jason Dunphy, USDOT | Ken Saarem, PUCN
- **Phone:** Sarah Orman, ELM

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. Dennis Bott seconded it.

3. Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)

Dawn provided a report on the NRCGA's finances.

4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)

The PUCN issued 12 civil penalties in the first and second quarter of 2019 for a total of about \$82,000. Ten of the penalties were in the south and 2 were in the north. The third quarter has been "extremely busy" with people hitting underground utilities without calling 811 before digging attempting to fix gas lines without letting the PUCN know.

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

- The CGA's annual conference is in March 2020 in Palm Springs.
- Dirt Report – 52% of incidents were caused by bad excavation practices, i.e., not calling 811, not using hand tools, no adequate marks.
- Southwest Gas is experiencing one stake damage per month in So. NV. The NRCGA's Best Practices Committee needs to investigate whether or not an 811 ticket should be required for stakes.

6. USA North 811 Positive Response Program (Colin Miyadi for Ryan White)

- 53% of USA North's Nevada members are using the PR program.
- The NRCGA's Best Practices committee gave NUCA an opportunity to review the NRCGA's recommended changes to NAC to make PR mandatory. NUCA did not respond. The PUCN will open a workshop and begin the process to rewrite NAC to make the program mandatory. Dawn will send out the docket number to NRCGA members once the PUCN opens the docket.



NEW ITEMS:

- 7. Potential state legislation for operating members to provide facility mapping updates to USAN (Wayne Scott, Craig Rogers)**
Zayo has a bunch of facilities in the ground that they didn't map or haven't gotten the map to USA North. Problem area is cell tower to street. There's nothing in the law that says you have to have accurate maps. There's a rulemaking going on right now that's going to require owners to provide accurate, updated maps quarterly to USA North. It won't affect most operators, but it will affect smaller companies.
- 8. Nominating Committee for NRCGA Board Members (Robbie Reed)**
Robbie will start working on this in October. He'll have more to report at the NRCGA's November meeting.
- 9. CONEXPO in Las Vegas – Volunteers Needed (Mike Marrero)**
The CGA will have a booth at Conexpo in Las Vegas, March 10-14. The CGA would like 10-14 volunteers to man the CGA's booth during the expo. If you're interested, let Mike know. 50,000 people are expected to attend the expo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 10. Education/Training (Jay Mendiola, Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott)**
 - North – Aug. 6, 48 NDOT employees trained. SWG also conducted 3 or 4 trainings since the NRCGA's July meeting.
 - NRCGA trainers have trained 1782 people so far this year.
 - USA North – 300 people have signed up to complete USAN's free online safety training. 85 have completed it so far. To access this class, go to <https://pages.dpa.training/usa-north-811-state-selection/>.
 - Oct 11 – SWG and USAN are partnering to put on a presentation. 80 people have RSVP'd so far.
- 11. 811 Safety Day (Mike Marrero)**
Sold 811 tickets for \$8.11 tickets to Cowabunga Bay for 8/11 event. Gave away \$1000 in gift cards, and 1000 beach towels and sunscreen. The DJ played safety PSAs throughout the event. 20% of people who attended Cowabunga Bay that day were people who got \$8.11 tickets. Many homeowners there had no idea about 811. Successful event in getting the word out to average homeowners. <https://youtu.be/fUVXshIcblw>
- 12. Excavator Appreciation Event (Dennis Bott)**
The event will be held at the Eastside Cannery on Nov. 7.
- 13. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, James Wingate)**
Next meeting will be Oct. 30. NRCGA needs to provide Board nominations by Nov for January 2020 deadline.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 14. Kevin Nutt – NRCGA Locate Rodeo Winner (Dawn Rivard)**
Kevin plans to compete in the Missouri Int'l Locate Rodeo in Dec. We will ask him to come to the NRCGA's Jan. 2020 meeting to report on the competition.
- 15. Pink in Color Code (Collin Miyadi)**
APWI came up with the color code. Per APWI, pink is used for surveys. However, Nevada has started using pink on large tickets to indicate a service that couldn't be located in a certain portion of a large excavation area. Rather than shut down an entire project because of one problem area, the area is bracketed off with pink. The excavator cannot dig in the area bracketed off with pink until the utility potholes and finds its facility. Contractors seem happy with this solution. PUCN attorneys said it's OK to use pink in this manner. Once the facility is located, the pink paint is blacked out. Using pink to indicate an area with a problem locate could become a CGA best practice.

Next Meeting: Nov. 19, 2019