



## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, Feb. 21, 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 | Mike Moody, Southwest Gas | Geoff Daforo, TMWA | Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline | Alex Murray, ELM | Daniel Adesina, PUCN | Jackson Bergland, ELM | Jack Byrom, TMWA | Justin McCargar, ELM
- **South:** Boyd Duchene, CCWRD | Cesar Castillo, R. P. Weddell | Craig Rogers, PUCN | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Dennis Bott, SW Gas | Dick Schneider, Trench Shoring | Harold Lefler, ELM | Larry Fortin | NUCA Las Vegas | Mike Marrero, USIC | Rick Torrens, KCI | Roger Brady, Trench Plate Rental | Bob Ward, NV Energy | Wayne Scott, AT&T | Harley Hartman, ELM | Dwayne Wilson, Flippins Trenching
- **Phone:** Don Goodwin, Cox | Mike Fitzgibbons, Comstock | Colin Miyati, USA North 811 | Jake Anderson, AZ Pipeline

**Standing Items:**

**1. Introductions (Jay Mendiola)**

Self-introductions took place.

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

The agenda was adopted with no amendments.

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

Since last month, dues have been received from JBM, NV Energy, city of Las Vegas, Las Vegas Valley Water District, ELM and USIC.

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

The PUCN has issued 3 citations and 6 warning letters since our last meeting. Half of this enforcement action occurred in the north.

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

According to Cesar, the CGA will hold its annual meeting in March. For the DIRT report, the CGA is using info from Gloria Grev to teach others what to submit. Kentucky 811 is partnering with landscaping companies to create 811 advertisements. Louisiana 811 will host a fishing tournament in April. More information is available in the CGA's [February newsletter](#).

**New Business:**

**6. Line Locator Agreement (Cesar Castillo)**

Line locator agreements between a locator and excavator do not always reflect what was agreed upon by the two parties at the excavation site. The LLA is generated by the locator after the site meeting. Excavators feel the LLA is a one-sided agreement and the locator controls the outcome. NUCA has a damage prevention subcommittee that has been discussing this issue. Since NUCA has a subcommittee meeting on this issue already, the NRCGA will not establish one at this time. NUCA's next meeting will be Feb. 22, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., at AZ Pipeline's 4905 E. Carey location in Las Vegas.

**7. Ticket Start Time (Jay Mendiola, Craig Rogers)**



A PUCN staff attorney clarified excavation state time with NAC 455.145. The date identified by the excavator is the start date. However, the locate still needs to be done within two working days from the time the dig ticket was submitted. However, the LLA can give the locator more time if the dig isn't set to start for some time into the future. NRCGA members questioned why USA North's dig ticket submittal requests the excavator start date when it's irrelevant to when the locate should take place. Colin Miyati from USA North thinks operators wanted that question included, but he'll clarify with Ryan White. If that form field isn't necessary, NRCGA members would prefer it be removed in order to open space for other info excavators or operators may want to include on the form.

**8. 811 Balloon – GREENFest (Dawn Rivard, Cesar Castillo, Mike Marrero)**

We're looking for opportunities to showcase the balloon, including GREENFest on April 22 at Downtown Summerlin. However, April 22 won't work because the balloon is scheduled to be in Vegas April 13 – 15. Members threw out other potential venues for the balloon.

**9. Promotional Opportunities (Mike Moody & Bob Ward)**

According to Mike, Southwest Gas has agreed to put \$1500 toward an Aces sponsorship. Bob will order a pop-up tent for NRCGA appearances at golf tournaments in the north. The NRCGA southern contingency already includes a tent. We will look to sponsor industry-related golf tournaments, including NAIOP, SNHBA and NUCA. Roger Brady has a contact with Vegas' new pro-hockey team, the Golden Knights. Roger will see how much a potential Golden Knights sponsorship may cost. Harley Hartman has a connection to the rodeo clown Jay Jay Harrison. He'll reach out to see if there are any sponsorship opportunities this year.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

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

Two companies received training in the north. Two trainings are scheduled in the south. Dennis demonstrated the Training Committee's online database. Dennis also showed everyone what's included in the swag bag distributed to trainees in the south. If you have any promotional materials you'd like to include in the swag bag, let Dennis know.

**11. Budget Committee (Jay Mendiola)**

Find out costs for promotional events and send that info to Jay.

**12. Locate Rodeo Committee (Dennis Bott)**

The rodeo is scheduled for June 3 on UNLV's campus. Once we have more details, we'll email it out to the NRCGA and USA North distribution lists.

**13. 811 Safety Day (Cesar Castillo)**

This event is in the planning stages. Cesar hopes to hold a small event this year in April, which is Nat'l Safe Digging Month. Cesar has several sponsors lined up.

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

There was a meeting last week. USAN will discontinue dashboard calendars and printed excavator manuals. However, the manual will be moved to a smart phone app. In the interim, USAN will send us a PDF version of the manual to reproduce. There's a vacancy on the board due to Donnie Foster's resignation. You have to be a USAN member to be on the Board and you have to go to USAN headquarters in California at least once. Jack Byrom, Scott LeWayne and Dennis Bott have volunteered for the position. Boyd will send Dawn the nominee list. Dawn will email it out to USAN members to vote.

**Non-Agendized Items:**

**15. Police Accident Marketing (Roger Brady)**

Metro PD accident investigators use paint to mark accident scenes. The paint seems to be the same colors used to mark underground facilities. Since the police do not remove the lines when the investigation is over, there is potential to confuse contractors at a later date. In northern Nevada, NDOT was marking something



in yellow, which confused contractors. Jay said he discussed the issue with NDOT, and NDOT now uses pink. Dwayne Wilson from Flippins Trenching works has a meeting with Metro next week and will bring up this issue. A potential solution could be Metro switching to chalk instead of paint.

**16. Safety Meeting Featuring Recreational Marijuana Speaker (Roger Brady)**

The NV Contractors Association will host this meeting on March 16. Since marijuana is now legal in NV, this may be a worthwhile meeting for NRCGA members to attend. It's free and lunch will be provided. Roger will forward info to Dawn, who will forward that info to NRCGA members. The NRCGA will purchase bags for Dennis to use in the future. Dennis will send Mike swag bags to distribute in the north.

**17. George Browne (Bob Ward)**

ELM's George Browne passed away. Bob will use NRCGA funds to purchase flowers and a plaque to delivery to George's widow at the funeral.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 21, 2017**