

**Nevada Regional Common Ground Alliance – NRCGA**  
**Meeting Minutes: April 19, 2016**  
**Meeting at NV Energy Locations, Las Vegas & Reno**



**Meeting Attendees:**

Name	Company
Daniel Adesina	PUCN
Dennis Bott	Southwest Gas
Roger Brady	Trench Plate Rental
Ty Doram	CCPW
Boyd Duchene	CCWRD
Cesar Castillo	RP Weddell
Tom Georgi	LVVWD
Mike Fitzgibbons	Comstock Insp.
Kimberly Granath-Musil	Cox Communications
Jamie Haas	Paiute Pipeline
Harold Lefler	ELM
Jay Mendiola	NV Energy
Mike Moody	Southwest Gas
Greg Noel	USIC
Craig Rogers	PUCN
Dawn Rivard	PUCN
Niel Rohleder	City of Las Vegas
Dick Schneider	Trench Shoring
Wayne Scott	AT&T
Ken Spencer	USIC
Belinda Strickland	CenturyLink
Robert Ward	NV Energy

**Standing Items:**

**1. Introductions (Jay Mendiola)**

Committee attendees introduced themselves from both locations. Mike Fitzgibbons attended via teleconference.

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

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**3. Financial Status Report – for Information Only (Gloria Grev)**

The NRCGA currently has \$45,000. There is no approved 2016 budget at this time.

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

The PUCN issued one written warning to an excavator. They also gave five verbal warnings in the past month.

**5. Regulatory Update (PUCN)**

There is nothing new to report.

## **6. CGA Best Practices (Ryan White)**

Ryan was not present.

## **7. Public Awareness Initiatives**

Bob Ward discussed some ideas. He proposed that the NRCGA look into setting up the NRCGA tent and promote the NRCGA at some of the local golf tournaments. The NRCGA paid the \$600 sponsorship for the Southern Nevada Home Builders Golf Tournament.

Jay will check into a golf tournament up north.

The NRCGA purchased 300 divot repair tools as swag at these tournaments for about \$450. (Gloria ordered after meeting.)

Mike Moody shared about going to Home Depot and Lowe's with the 811 message, brochures and tree tags.

The PUCN promoted 811 on billboard at five locations using \$14,000 in grant money.

NV Energy purchase a half-page ad in the newspaper conveying the 811 message.

Roger Brady invited all to the "My Brother's Keeper" safety training April 27.

## **New Business:**

## **8. 2016 Budget (Jay Mendiola)**

Niel joined this committee along with Kenya Henderson, Jack Byrom and Gloria Grev.

Kenya provided a draft based on last year's budget.

## **9. Silver Shovel Award (Craig Rogers)**

The following people volunteered for this committee: Harold, Belinda, Dennis, Greg, Jay, and Mike.

They will meet 9-10 am, May 17, before the full committee meeting.

Craig proposed two things regarding the Event:

- It was proposed that the winner will be sent to the CGA Conference. The NRCGA will pay for the plane ticket, lodging and food.
  - We will have to come up with more detail on what qualifies the winner.
  - Subcommittee will look into this.
- Add a "Best Locator Award" and the winner will be sent to the Locate Rodeo in Houston Texas.
  - The NRCGA will reach out to see if we could get the entrance fee waived.
  - The NRCGA will send the locator and pay for plane ticket, room, and meals.
- Craig volunteered to Chair both of the subcommittees to look into this.
  - If anyone is interested in being on either or both of these subcommittees, send Craig an e-mail.

#### **10. TAG Grant (Kenya Henderson)**

There is going to be three classes for locator training held. The TAG Grant will be used to pay for this training. The classes are going to be in Elko, Reno and Las Vegas. Craig Rogers and Dawn Rivard are leading this effort.

Another class may be added if there are more people who want to attend. The City of Las Vegas requested an earlier start time.

#### **11. Membership (Gloria Grev)**

Gloria distributed NRCGA membership plaques and "2016" plates. She will order one for USIC, new member.

#### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

#### **12. Education/Training Committee (Jay Mendiola, Tom Georgi, Bob Ward, Cesar Castillo)**

There are two contractors down south that are on hold until they get enough people for a class. Probably will be the later in April.

#### **13. Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

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#### **14. USA North 811 (USAN) – NV Committee Update**

Boyd shared that the CGA will sponsor two jockeys in the next Kentucky Derby.

Tom Georgi is the new board member, replacing Kenya.

Boyd answered the question about Norfield partners. <http://www.norfielddp.com/home.html>. Nine state notification centers (Colorado 811, Virginia 811, Ohio Utilities Protection Service, USA North 811, MISS DIG System, Underground Service Alert of Southern California (DigAlert), JULIE, Inc., Blue Stakes of Utah and North Carolina 811) formed Norfield Development Partners, LLC (NDP).