

Nevada Regional Common Ground Alliance – NRCGA
Meeting Minutes: August 16, 2016
Meeting at NV Energy Locations, Las Vegas & Reno



Meeting Attendees:

Name	Company
Alex Murray	ELM
Anna Mielcarek	CenturyLink
Billy Relph	CenturyLink
Boyd Duchene	CCWRD
Cesar Castillo	RP Weddell
Craig Rogers	PUCN
Daniel Adesina	PUCN
Dave Dahl	Kern River
Dawn Rivard	PUCN
Dick Schneider	Trench Shoring
Geoff Daorno	TMWA
Gloria Grev	Southwest Gas
Greg Noel	USIC
Harold Lefler	ELM
Jay Mendiola	NV Energy
Kimberly Granath-Musil	Cox Communications
Mike Evans	PUCN
Mike Fitzgibbons	Comstock Inspection
Mike Moody	Southwest Gas
Ray Allen	City of Henderson
Rick Torrens	KCI
Robert Ward	NV Energy
Roger Brady	Trench Plate Rental
Ryan White	USA North 811
Scott Yeats	NPL
Steve Priscu	Boulder City
Tom Georgi	LLVWD
Troy Ware	NPL
Ty Doram	CCPW
Verlyn Bailey	TransCanada
Wayne Scott	AT&T

Standing Items:

1. Introductions (Jay Mendiola)

Committee attendees introduced themselves from both locations. Kim Granath-Musil and Ryan White attended via teleconference.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Jay Mendiola)

Dan Adesina moved and Mike Evans seconded adopting the agenda as presented.

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

The NRCGA now has \$31,400 following contribution from AT&T of \$800.

4. Enforcement Actions (PUCN)

The PUCN gave two verbal warnings up north to excavators.

5. Regulatory Update

No update at this time.

6. CGA Best Practices

The group agreed this will be a joint effort. Bob Ward and Cesar Castillo will work together to present an update each month about CGA Best Practices committee and CGA happenings.

7. Public Awareness Initiatives (Dave Dahl)

Public awareness will be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. 2016 Budget (Jay Mendiola)

Jay stated that the Board is waiting for costs and information about the Silver Shovel Awards prior to budget determination.

9. Silver Shovel Award (Craig Rogers)

Bob reported that this task team met this morning and discussed award criteria and interviewing candidates. They decided to have one or two alternates for each award.

10. TAG Grant (Kenya Henderson)

Dawn will contact Kenya about TAG Grant status. The \$10,000 the NRCGA received was spent on locate training. Kenya has the invoices to report to PHMSA.

Dawn will pursue NRCGA grants for more damage prevention initiatives. She has received grants for PUCN damage prevention activities.

One idea is a Safety Day like the one held in Arizona.

Sub-Committee Reports:

11. Education/Training (Jay Mendiola, Tom Georgi, Bob Ward, George Browne)

Jay and team conducted two training sessions up north for excavators. Cesar Castillo and Dennis Bott conducted two sessions in the Las Vegas area.

The NRCGA is conducting another training session in Boulder City September 13.

12. Website Committee (Dawn Rivard)

Dawn received and verified a Design Locate Ticket. The ticket will check with the author because it may actually be a dig ticket.

13. Next meeting, Tuesday, September 20 (third Tuesday)

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

(Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Tom Georgi, Donnie Foster)

Boyd shared that USA North 811 introduced the 811 express ticket for a single address. This functionality does not require log in or detailed information.

The Norfield ticket management software was launched 3-4 months ago. It is working well. The only issues relate to renewing tickets that were input in the former application.