

Nevada Regional Common Ground Alliance – NRCGA
Meeting Minutes: March 15, 2016
Meeting at NV Energy Locations, Las Vegas & Reno



Meeting Attendees:

| Name | Company |
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| Boyd Duchene | CCWRD |
| Cesar Castillo | RP Weddell |
| Kimberly Granath-Musil | Cox Communications |
| Donnie Foster | Southwest Gas |
| Belinda Strickland | CenturyLink |
| George Browne | ELM |
| Jamie Haas | Paiute Pipeline |
| Jay Mendiola | NV Energy |
| Dennis Bott | Southwest Gas |
| Craig Rogers | PUCN |
| Larry Fortin | NUCA - LV |
| Geoff Daforo | TMWA |
| Robert Ward | NV Energy |
| Roger Brady | Trench Plate Rental Company |
| Steve Priscu | Boulder City |
| Mike Fitzgibbons | Comstock Insp. |
| Mike Moody | Southwest Gas |

Standing Items:

1. Introductions (Jay Mendiola)

Committee attendees introduced themselves from both locations.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Jay Mendiola)

The agenda was adopted as presented.

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

Gloria was not present.

4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)

In southern Nevada, the PUCN stopped an excavator from digging when they checked and found out they didn't have a ticket. The next day the PUCN came back to the site and discovered the excavator digging again, prior to the start time on the ticket that they called in the day before. That's two strikes for that excavator!

There were numerous verbal notifications to excavators and operators from the PUCN during the last 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 AGC Golf Tournament, NUCA Golf Tournament and the Southern Nevada Home Builders Golf Tournament. We could pay to have the NRCGA tent set up on a tee box and hand out drinks, NRCGA swag and 811 info to the golfers. Some people in the meeting volunteered to find out when these tournaments are going to be held and what the cost would be to sponsor a hole to promote the NRCGA and 811.

This item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting to give the cost and decide whether or not we would like to go forward with this proposal.

Rudy Ricardo is reaching out to local entities in Northern Nevada that issue permits, he is trying to get them to give out information regarding Call Before You Dig.

New Business:

8. 2016 Budget

Nothing new to report at this time.

9. Silver Shovel Award (Craig Rogers)

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 waved.
 - 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.

11. CGA Conference (Bob Ward)

Bob reported that the NRCGA set up a booth/tent at the conference. They gave away a lot of swag, the booth had lots of visitors. The last day was a free Safety Day. The NRCGA had two presentations at the conference. One was Common Sense Locates which had a panel made up of Utility Operators, Locators and Regulators. The other presentation was the NRCGA Excavator Training PowerPoint. That was attended by people from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Canada, and Alabama. There were lots of questions. Next year the Conference will be held in Orlando.

Sub-Committee Reports:

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

There are two contractors that are on hold until they get enough people for a class. Probably will be the 2nd or 3rd week in April.

13. Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2016

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

Tom Georgi has taken Kenya's spot on the board at USAN.