



Minutes

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2021

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- **ZOOM**

ATTENDEES: 29 participants

- Dennis Bott, Chair, Southwest Gas
- Cesar Castillo, Co-Chair, RP Weddell
- Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN
- Ryan White, Director, USA North
- Boyd Duchene, Director, Clark County Water Reclamation District
- Greg Noel, Director, USIC
- Jamie Haas, Director, Paiute Pipeline
- Mario Fernandez, Director, Las Vegas Valley Water District
- Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment
- Bob Ward, Director, NV Energy
- Ron Lovely, Las Vegas Valley Water District
- Nancy Lopez, Southwest Gas
- Wayne Scott, Director, AT&T
- Jeff Kennedy, Cox
- Stephen Jones, AT&T
- Neil Pascuel, PUCN
- J. Pashton, Clark County Public Works
- 702-429-6362, Phone-in Participant
- 702-467-9170, Phone-in Participant
- 702-402-4465, Phone-in Participant
- Harley Hartman, ELM
- Matt Brecke, NV Energy
- Robbie Reed, City of Henderson Public Works
- Richard Torrens, Director, KCI Engineering
- Salvatore Caponigro, Stake Center Locating
- 775-240-8794, Phone-in Participant
- Larry Bialek, Cox
- Harold Lefler, Western States
- Tony Ebersole, Cox

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Introductions (Dennis Bott)

Chair Dennis Bott made introductions.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Dennis Bott)

Ryan White made a motion; Cesar Castillo seconded it.

3. Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)

Dawn reported on the NRCGA's financial status, including a \$10k donation from SW Gas toward 811 Day, and the NRCGA's current account balance.

4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)

Craig was unavailable. Dennis provided update on positive response workshops at the PUCN. Contact Craig Rogers, chairing NRCGA best practices committee, if you have questions about the PUCN workshops.

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

Cesar – CGA is holding summits with surveyors and excavators. Changes to best practices.

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

Ryan showed a spreadsheet that explains the codes being used the most for PR in Nevada.



NEW ITEMS:

7. **PHMSA Technical Assistance Grant & Enhanced Positive Response System Overview (Ryan White)**
USAN decided to apply for grants for “Enhanced, or two-way, Positive Response.” It’s a system in which the ticket is more useful and includes more info, such as the ability to upload pics showing white markings, for example, when requesting a ticket. It can help avoid issues. For example, if a locator says he can’t mark because there are no white markings, the ability to upload photos can help avoid a problem.

Dennis – asked members to get with him, Bob and Boyd if they want to know more about PR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8. **Education/Training (Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott, Steve Wibalda, Nancy Lopez)**
NV allowing 50% occupancy. The NRCGA has a queue of people wanting training. Dennis is going to clear that queue (5 classes scheduled), then will open up training to anyone wanting it moving forward.
9. **811 Day (Ryan White)**
Ryan looking for volunteers. Our last 811 Day, in 2019, was at Cowabunga Bay and was a success. Looking for volunteers to be on this committee. Jamie Haas and Nancy Lopez will also see if they can do an 811 Day event in the north.
10. **Excavator Appreciation Events (Cesar Castillo, Dawn Rivard)**
This event will move forward. Cesar & Dawn chairing in the south. Nancy & Jamie handling the northern event. Looking for volunteers to be on this committee.
11. **USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Dennis Bott)**
The next meeting is in April.

New Business?

12. **811 Pro (Ryan White)**
USAN has a 3-hour training course. They have one guy who travels CA to do on-site training. Most states have 10-15 people doing outreach and training. It would be too expensive and too much of a rate hike to increase outreach staff. So USAN started moving training online. The 3-hour length of the course turned people off. Many would start the course and not finish. To make the training simpler, USAN started 811 Pro, which is about 1.5 hours. Go to www.811pro.com. They’re finishing up the California modules right now. Once those are done, they’ll reformat the modules for NV, which should be quick. If people can’t make it to an in-person NRCGA training, they have this option. Once a person completes this course, the attendee will get be “gold-shovel certified.” The certificate is good for one year. The idea is that people will repeat the course and catch any new information that comes up and if the class is modified with the new info.
13. **Concerned citizens requests** – There’s no way currently for a homeowner to report a neighbor excavating without having called 811. Right now the concerned neighbor has to call the utility or law enforcement. Dennis brought this idea to USAN board in 2019. USAN is at a place now with web developer to build a portal for this, which should be available before the next board meeting in May.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2021