



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Sept. 20, 2022

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- **MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**
- **SOUTHWEST GAS, 1060 ALPER CENTER DRIVE, HENDERSON**

Dennis Bott Jr, Southwest Gas, NRCGA Chair
Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell, NRCGA Vice-Chair
Dawn Rivard, PUCN, Secretary/Treasurer
Salvatore Caponigro, Stake Center, NRCGA Board
Wayne Scott, AT&T, NRCGA Board
Boyd Duchene, CCWRD, NRCGA Board
Robert Ward, NV Energy, NRCGA Board
Joe D'Ambrosio, NV Energy
Ashley Bryan-Thorp, Terra Contracting
Doug Conroe, NPL Construction
Jeremy Crawford, Kern River
Chuck Atkinson, TMWA
Larry Bialek, Cox
Timothy Semays, Eagle Drilling
Ronald Lovely, LVVWD
Beryl Cox, Cox
Kevin Cosgrove, Silverlake Construction
Matt Brecke, NV Energy
Mark Cleman, Williams Charles

Marc Lara, Stake Center
Paul Gibson, Terra Contracting
David L. Estes, CenturyLink
Charles Folashade, Zayo
Andrea J Stainback, CenturyLink
Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter
Massoud Javid, CC Public Works
Tyler Byrd, Byrd Construction
Mike Millora, Lumen
Harold Lefler, Western States
Craig Rogers, PUCN, NRCGA Board
Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment
Rock Torrens, KCI Engineering, NRCGA Board
Ryan White, USA North, NRCGA Board
Jethro Dijkman, DigContrax
Billy D. Weston
Ginny Miller, Southwest Gas

STANDING ITEMS:

1. **Introductions (Dennis Bott)**
Dennis made introductions.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda & Meeting Minutes (Dennis Bott)**
Sal Caponigro made a motion to adopt the agenda and meeting minutes from July. Harold 2nd motion.
3. **Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**
Dawn provided a financial status report.
4. **Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**
Since the NRCGA's July meeting, the PUCN has issued 3 civil penalties to contractors – 2 in the north and one in the south. An issue that needs to be on the NRCGA's radar is the arrival of Google Fiber in Nevada. They're going through the permit process, talking to cities and counties. If anyone has any contacts with Google



Fiber, we need to reach out to them. USIC, Stakecenter, cities and counties, need to know the impact of Google Fiber coming in. There will likely be a significant increase in 811 tickets submitted.

Wayne Scott has a Google contact he'll share with Craig. Craig will reach out to Wayne's contact to hopefully schedule a meeting with Google. Wayne would like to be part of the meeting.

5. **CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Craig Rogers)**

Single source locators – the best practice was for a utility to use a contractor for multiples. You would use one contractor to do all utilities. The best practice has been updated to state that if using one contractor for multiples is best for your operation, then do so, but it's not required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6. **811 Day Recap (Dawn Rivard)**

Committee members talked to many people and handed out thousands of pieces of 811 swag. We also earned \$1095 in \$24.99 ticket sales - \$5 from every ticket was returned to the NRCGA. USA North made a video encapsulating the day. It's available on You Tube. <https://nrcga.org/811-day/>

Next year's 811 Day event will be held at Cowabunga Bay on Friday, Aug. 11, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

7. **Best Practices (Craig Rogers)**

The PUCN is going to submit a bill draft request to the 2023 legislature to better define hand tools. A lot of damages come from hand tools (stakes and similar tools). If you're a licensed contractor in the state of NV, you're going to need a ticket to do hand tool work. If you're a citizen, you don't need a ticket unless you're planning to dig deeper than 12 inches. We don't want to police grandma planting flowers. Citizens using mechanical equipment will always need a ticket. PUCN did a study of the financial impact of this BDR and finding was that it's very minor.

Craig will be hosting a Best Practices Committee meeting soon. If you want to be part of that meeting, let us know. Tyler Byrd, Doug Conroe and Boyd Duchene want to be part of the committee.

Dawn will add a link to USAN's positive response codes to the NRCGA website so people can familiarize themselves with the codes.

8. **Golf Tournament (Bob Ward)**

We're even in terms of bringing money in. Everything earned from this point forward will be profit. Goal is to make enough money so that we don't have to come out of pocket for the excavator dinner or locate rodeo. We are 10 foursomes away from filling the field. AT&T & NUCA would like to be hole sponsors.

9. **Education/Training (Steve Wibalda, Matt Brecke, Nancy Lopez)**

We have held 38 classes, 973 trained, representing 64 companies. Last year we broke 2000. Please pass our training info along to any excavators you work with. It's a 2-hour class, well worth it. The NRCGA is holding the training in the state so we have a consistent message statewide.

10. **Locate Rodeo (Dennis Bott)**

We haven't had a rodeo since 2019. We can't use the Science and Engineering Building anymore. However, UNLV contacts would like us to use their campus. Craig and Dennis will be doing a site visit at UNLV soon to



look at the grounds and buildings to see what will work for the rodeo. The nat'l rodeo has moved to a virtual platform. Ours will still be traditional rodeo with spoke and wheels. Craig and Rick Torrens will be master judges. It'll be in late October or early November. Contact Dennis if you'd like more info or if you'd like to be part of the rodeo.

11. NRCGA Nominating Committee (Jethro Dijkman)

It's nominating season again. We need volunteers to help on the committee. We'll be sending out the NRCGA nominating form later this week. Only stakeholder members in good standing can be members of the NRCGA board.

12. NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)

Met a month ago. Not a lot of participation so it was a short meeting. We're going to reschedule this meeting to get more participation. If you want to be part of this committee, let Harold or Dawn know. There are spirited discussions at this meeting. Meetings are held at the PUCN office – neutral territory. This committee will now be called Damage Prevention Coalition.

13. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Dennis Bott)

Pushed the go-live date to the end of the year, Dec. 16, for the changeover to the Pelican ticketing system. You can begin using the test site now. USAN will be offering webinars and in-person classes in northern and southern NV. You'll have access to the webinars and access to documentation anytime. If you have questions, contact USAN member services.

Topics from the Floor:

14. Marc Krichner – The July 2022 Technology Report from the CGA highlighted technology and gaps in the damage prevention industry. 811 Spotter is highlighted in the report. Check it out at this link:
<https://technology.commongroundalliance.com/>.

Next Meeting: Nov. 15, 2022