



NUCA/NRCGA Damage Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Oct. 11, 2022

TIME: 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- **MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**
- **PUCN OFFICE, 9072 W. DIABLO DRIVE, #250 LAS VEGAS**

(9 in-person, 39 Teams)

Harold Lefler, Chair, Western States

Dennis Bott, Southwest Gas

Dawn Rivard, PUCN

Sal Caponigro, Stake Center

Boyd Duchene, CCWRD

Craig Rogers, PUCN

Ryan White, USA North 811

Bob Ward, NV Energy

Steve Wibalda, G2

Scott Allen, LV Paving

Charles Folashade, Zayo

Bridget Alati, Cox

Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake Construction

Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy

Jaime Navarrete, MCon

Beryl Cox, Cox

Larry Bialek, Cox

Matt Brecke, NV Energy

Greg Noel, USIC

Tyler Byrd, Byrd Underground

Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter

Representative, Hole Hogz

Teresa, Company Unknown

Mario Fernandez, Las Vegas Valley Water District

Tim Gates, City of Henderson

Wayne Scott, AT&T

Kole Smith, Wells Cargo

Mike Marrero, USIC

Charles Atkinson, TMWA

Joseph Norby, City of Las Vegas

Shane Ayers, Stake Center

714-600-1983, Unknown Participant

Ashley Bryan-Thorp, Terra Contracting

James Wingate, USA North 811

Rebecca Whitlock, Unknown

Timothy Semays, Eagle Drilling

Ronald Lovely, LVVWD

Lynsay Demko-Edwards, Southwest Gas

Brian Gordon, Dig Contrax

Jeremy Crawford, Kern River

Kurt Brna, Byrd Underground

Britton Tucker, NV DOT

Anthony Ebersole, Cox

Andrea Stainback, CenturyLink

702-613-9799, Unknown Participant

Marshall Johnson, AT&T

Billy Weston, Clark County Public Works

Mark Cleman, William Charles

Welcome: Harold Lefler called the meeting to order at 9:01.

New Business:

- ***Proposed Changes to the One Call Best Practices***
 - Hand Tools: The PUCN is in the process of drafting legislation to modify NAC 455 to define hand tools.
 - Positive Response: It's going to become mandatory at some point; Craig isn't sure when.



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- **USA North 811 System Changes**
 - Mapping: USAN will have Southwest Gas add a line to a provision in NRS stating that USAN is a “state agency” for the purpose of sharing current maps.
 - 24/7 Operator: The USAN Board of Directors will discuss removing 24/7 operator access in NV and CA. Many board members do not see value in this service, while excavators do. The cost is approximately \$50,000/year. It’s a CGA Best Practice to have 24/7 811 operator access. TO DO: GET CESAR CASTILLO, CRAIG ROGERS OR JAMES WINGATE REASONS WHY WE NEED TO KEEP 24/7 OPERATOR SERVICE.
 - USAN System Changes: Dec. 16 is the date USAN will go live with the new Pelican ticket management system. USAN will be doing in-person, YouTube videos and webinars to train people on using Pelican.
 - **Marking Standards**
 - Problem: Since 2006, utility owners have been required to make conduit locatable, even if the conduit is put in the ground for future use. Excavators are coming across conduit that no utility claims. It’s expensive to shut down an excavation while the excavator waits for utilities to come to the site and either claim or deny the conduit.
Resolution: We’re always going to run into this problem, and so far we’re having luck finding the owner. Do the best you can to deal with this scenario.
 - **Traffic Loops, Storm Drains & Streetlight Marking Standards**
 - Tabled.
 - **Positive Response Codes**
 - Scott Allen discussed a situation in which his workers damaged an unmarked powerline that turned out to be abandoned. In situations like this, locators are using the PR code, “No Marks Requested,” after the fact to make it look like no error on the locator’s part. Scott and others in the room suggested using a new code, “Damage Exposed – Not Ours.” USAN committed to adding this code in 2023, which would allow this group to gather more feedback and allow time for Pelican to be implemented before adding/editing PR codes. Harold will add this issue to the agenda for this group’s first meeting in 2023.
 - **Contractor & Locator Communication**
 - Tabled
 - **Utility Owner Contact Information**
 - Tabled