



## Damage Prevention Committee Meeting

March 3, 2023 | 1:00 p.m.

### Attendees:

#### In person:

- Harold Lefler, Chair Western States
- Jethro Dijkman, DigContrax
- Tyler Byrd, Byrd Underground
- Jose Zambrano, MCon
- Scott Allen, Las Vegas Paving
- Beryl Cox, Cox Communications
- Charles Folashade, Zayo
- Greg Noel, USIC
- Steve Wibalda, Entrust Sol.
- Larry Hanson, Lone Mtn Excavation
- Dawn Rivard, PUCN
- Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell
- Salvatore Caponigro, Stake Center
- Paul Gibson, Terra Contracting
- Ryan White, USA North 811
- Kenneth Morgan, Badger Daylighting
- Mario Fernandez, LVVWD
- Kevin Cosgrove, Silverlake Construction
- Charles Atkinson, TMWA
- Anthony Headley, West Valley Construction
- Brad Poulson, Kern River
- David Estes, CenturyLink
- Jill Hazelhurst, Nevada Landscape
- LaWayne Scott, AT&T
- Jeremy Crawford, Kern River
- Dave Mulcahey, GPRS
- Rustin McLaughlin, Great Basin Transmission
- Craig Rogers, PUCN
- Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy
- Anita Tang, Southwest Gas
- James Wingate, USA North 811
- Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter
- Bob Ward, NV Energy
- Felicia, Hole Hogz
- Jaime Navarrete, MCon

#### Online/Teams

### Agenda Items:

#### Welcome:

- Damage Prevention Coalition NUCA/NRCGA

#### New Business:

- Changes to One Call Best Practices Excavation Type (Hand Tools) impact on Ticket Volume
  - The bill outlining the change to NRS 455 specifying that dig tickets must be called in for hand digging is making its way through the legislature right now.
  - Once the bill is approved, there's no way to know how long before the law change is implemented.
  - Craig Rogers is projecting "serious growth" in dig ticket numbers with this change. Landscapers who have never had to call in tickets for stakes or other shallow digging will now have to call in tickets.
  - James Wingate said USA North 811 will be able to handle the ticket increase.
  - Greg Noel from USIC doesn't anticipate a problem either.
  - According to Craig Rogers, he will conduct training with landscapers on submitting dig tickets.
  - One landscaper Craig talked to anticipated calling in at least 100 tickets per week. These are easy tickets, but still take a considerable amount of time to locate.
  - Craig plans to have a meeting with big landscaping companies and invite locate companies to join.
- One Call Access 811 Ticket System Discussion

- According to Ryan White, there have been “ups and downs” with the new Pelican ticketing system, which went live on Dec. 16, 2022.
- Ticket Share – this was a feature in the old system and will be available in Pelican very soon.
- Drawing Dig Area on Map – when submitting a ticket online, some excavators draw a huge area on the map, which makes it difficult for locators to identify the area to be marked. If someone is drawing a huge dig area, let Ryan know and he will contact the excavator.
- Mobile App – USA North is working on this. USA North is trying to make the app able to do more than submit new tickets. To download the app, go to the Apple store and search for “USANorth-NV.”
- Expiring Ticket Notification: USA North is testing this function right now and it should be available for users soon.
- Secondary Actions – this is fixed.
- Field Meet – Excavators were able to request a field meet with the old system and would like it to be available in Pelican. The reason it doesn’t exist now is because Pelican has never built it for other users and will have to build it from scratch. USA North still needs to talk to the NRCGA and this coalition to figure out how to meet this need. James Wingate asked Craig to facilitate a sub-committee to figure out how users would like to see this function. USA North would like this sub-committee to narrow down how this function should work before thousands of dollars are spent building it and it doesn’t match user expectations. Craig and Harold will work on getting this sub-committee going.
- Renewal Tickets – Harold identified a potential problem. Old ticketing system and Pelican both renewed tickets without identifying the two-day gap for renewals. If we don’t change the way tickets are dated, everyone will just hit renewal to avoid the two-day wait.
- Marking Standards Traffic Loops, Storm Drains & Streetlight.
  - It appears traffic loops and storm drains will never be marked. What resource do excavators have?
  - Craig Rogers said he’s working with Clark County to resolve this issue.
  - Billy Westin is the locator for the county.
- Contractor & Locator communication (Stake Center – USIC – ELM – Municipalities)
  - No discussion on this item.
- Utility Owner Contact Information
  - If you have trouble contacting a USA North member, let Ryan know so he can track down the correct contact info.
  - Rant & Rave Function – use this to report a wrong number. Go to [usanorth811.org](http://usanorth811.org), Contact Us, Rant or Rave.
- Assembly Bill 177 – Sharing of GIS Data with USA North
  - USA North is involved with a bill currently at the Legislature that would require counties to share aggregate parcel data with USA North. This data will benefit tickets, allowing them to be as accurate as possible.
  - The Legislature will hold a meeting about this bill at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7.
  - NDOT is not part of this data sharing.
  - Please support letters in support of this bill.