

Training and Education

1060 Alper Center Drive
Henderson, NV 89052



Committee Meeting

February 8, 2024
9AM– 10AM

1. Introductions

1. Chance Walker, Southwest Gas – Committee Chair
2. Kristen Garcia, NV Energy – NRCGA Chair/ Board Member
3. Lynsay Demko, Southwest Gas – NRCGA Board Member
4. Dennis Bott – Public Utilities Commission Nevada, NRCGA Board Member
5. Howard Lefler, Western States – NUCA President
6. Sergio, Western States
7. Terry Harpt, Southwest Gas
8. Nancy Lopez, Southwest Gas
9. Mario Guzman – Flippen Trenching
10. Sal Caponigro, Stake Center

2. Training Facilitators

- a. Volunteer/Nominate Facilitators
- b. Recommend 5-6 Facilitators in North and 5-6 in South
- c. Bilingual Needed
 - i. Mario Guzman potential facilitator – speaks Spanish!

3. Ideas for Training Topics

- a. **“Damage Prevention, not liability avoidance”**
- b. Same version utilized everywhere – English and Spanish
- c. Introductions to learn how much knowledge/experience before starting training
- d. Potential to use SWG/NVE facilities for hands on/demonstrations
 - i. Fire Demonstration/ERDIF
- e. Stay away from industry lingo – 3rd grade level
- f. One page takeaway – how to get more information/top take aways
- g. Break training up into sections
 - i. Prewrite/811
 - ii. Locating
 - iii. Excavating
 - iv. Investigation
 - v. Other items touched on (overhead powerlines, private locating)
- h. Tailor hands on to “flow chart”
 - i. Digging on expired ticket, not located facility, etc.
- i. Bring value to the excavator – how to document locates/damages
- j. How many repeat offenders of those who have gone through the class?
- k. Installation of Fiber may cause future issues when roadwork occurs
- l. Digital sign in sheet
 - i. How can people without the technology complete it?
 - ii. Test before presenting it to the board for budget

- m. Auto Generate Certificates
- n. Drop Box or online storage needed to host files
- o. Get all stakeholders to understand the other stakeholders' responsibilities
- p. "Look at the pond as the ripples go out"
- q. "What got us to where we are, won't get us to where we are going"

4. Hands on Training

- a. Length: 1.5 hour training
 - i. 30 min slides
 - ii. 45 min hands on
- b. Group Size: 15–16 people (25 max)
- c. Knowledge check for comprehension
- d. Current training is "boring as poop"

5. Training Schedules

- a. Current Trainings
 - i. South – 4 Classes a Month
 - ii. North – By Appointment
- b. Choose a better day to host trainings
 - i. Tuesday/Thursdays?
 - ii. Group agrees that these days are best (stay away from M/F)
- c. Go Live Date – April 1, 2024

6. Training Committee Meeting Frequency

- a. Biweekly
- b. Next Meeting February 21st 11am – 1pm

7. Action Items

- a. Create Form to Collect Ideas/Email to committee (Chance)
- b. Submit 3 ideas and 1 scenario (Everyone)
- c. Send Copy of Current Training to Committee (Chance)
- d. Send Meeting Invite (Chance)
- e. Drop Box Research (Lynsay)