



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2024

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- **MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**
- **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**
9075 W. Diablo Dr. #250, Las Vegas, NV 89148

ATTENDANCE:

In Person (42 Attendees)

Cesar Castillo, Chair, RP Weddell
Kristen Garcia, Vice-Chair, NV Energy
Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN
Dennis Bott, Director, PUCN
Ryan White, Director, USA North 811
Mike Austin, Director, LVVWD
Telford Myers, USIC
Mike Marrero, USIC
Greg Noel, USIC
Austin Benedict, ELM
Charles Folashade, FMG LTD
Melody Richard, Las Vegas Electric
Andre Arandia, Ervin Cable Construction
Marcus Chestnut, Ervin Cable Construction
Alex Bates, Ervin Cable Construction
Melissa Payne, Google
George Moses, Ervin Cable Construction
Ronald Jacobson, Hofsommer Excavating
Scott Marx, Xram Excavation
Ryan Varela, Ervin Cable Construction
Joe De Lorenzo, Ervin Cable Construction
Roger Lind, RSL Locating
Kyle Wright, Haaker
Terry Harpt, SW Gas
Derek Puffer, C & S Company
Adonis Ponce, LV Electric
Ines Esquivel, JABCO.US
Kyle Alcorn, JABCO.US
Chance Walker, Southwest Gas
Dave Oberg, Badger

Felicia Tarin, Hole Hogz
Robert McKechnie, Hole Hogz
Jeremy Crawford, Kern River Gas
Brendan Vargas, Tilson
Harold Lefler, Western States
Betty Chang, Google Fiber
Stefan Hoffman, Lone Mountain Excavation
Larry Hanson, Lone Mountain Excavation
Jethro Dijkman, DigContrax
Dan Sorenson, SRI/Google
Richard Sorrientos, Ground Hogs Hydrovac
Tyler Byrd, Byrd Underground

Online/Phone (37 Attendees)

Boyd Duchene, Director, CCWRD
Salvatore Caponigro, Director, Stake Center
Wayne Scott, Director, AT&T
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Alma Arreola, Mammoth
Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy
Charles Atkinson, TMWA
Boyd Duchene, CCWRD
Brian Gordon, DixContrax
Christopher McNamara, Las Vegas Paving
Cliff, Capriati Construction
Beryl Cox, Cox Communication
Joseph D'Ambrosio, NV Energy
Dave Mauerman, PelicanCorp
Ortary Davila, Kern River
David L. Estes, CenturyLink/Lumen
Gregory McWilliams, Red Star Fence



Harley Hartman, ELM
Jar Dominguez, Western States
Jennifer Fagan, Stake Center
Jeremiah Leuck, Aeroseal
Joe Romo, Southwest Gas
John James, NLTFDP
Justin Yin, Clean & Green Landscape
Kaitlyn M Cabrera, ELM
Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake Construction
Kurt Brna, Byrd Construction

Lynsay Demko-Edwards, Southwest Gas
Mike J. Millora, CenturyLink/Lumen
Randy Charland, UtiliQuest
Robert Baca, Southwest Gas
Siddarth Munivelu, PelicanCorp
Susan Leid, PelicanCorp
Thomas Fava Jr., Stake Center
Tim Gates, City of Henderson
Brian Webb, Washoe County
Zach Robison, City of Mesquite

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Introductions (Cesar Castillo)

Cesar called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Cesar Castillo)

Ryan White made a motion to adopt the agenda and Harold Lefler seconded it.

3. Underground Service Alert (USA North 811) Update (Ryan White)

- Nevada ticket volume is up 18.9% year to date.
- USA North Board meeting scheduled for July 31.
- Check out USA North's YouTube channel for training videos.
- Pelican Ticketing System Update:
 - i. Planning & Design: This platform is specifically for designers and engineers to be able to get engineering drawings, plans and designs so that they can engineer and design their jobs. It's available for anyone to use – excavators, operators or whoever needs to submit a request for design or engineering purposes. It will launch on July 29. This is not a dig ticket. USA North will offer an online training course in August. A training video is available on USA North's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sKA97A6wXQ>.
 - ii. End of Day Audit: There's a change coming to audits in January 2024. At the end of the day, Pelican sends an audit of all the tickets you've received. Currently, the audit basically has just a date and ticket number. USA North will be adding ticket type and ticket status, such as new ticket. USA North will send out an email to all members and users about this update that will include an example of what the new audit will look like. You will need to update your system so it can handle this new information.
 - iii. Multi-Dig Site Polygons in the System: Right now, if you're doing pole line work, for example, you must draw a single polygon that covers all the poles or post pole. With this change, you can draw individual polygons that mark the exact location of those poles, soil warnings, test samples, etc. You'll be able to draw multiple polygons on the site so it gives a more accurate view of the work being done, instead of a larger shape where it might have five to 10 different points within that shape. This change will be coming in January 2024.



NEW BUSINESS:

4. New Member – Ervin Cable Construction (Andre Arandia)

Ervin Cable Construction has been around for about 40 years and are a Google contractor.

5. Empty Conduits Within NV Energy Marks (Kristen Garcia)

NV Energy is making a slight addition to their markings. When empty conduits for future lines are in the area, NVE will place an additional mark next to the energized conductor. It's going to say EC, with the number and size of empty conduits that NVE has on their maps with a circle around it. NVE will put those next to the mark for the energized conductor, when contractors are potholing if extra conduits are discovered in the ground that don't match up to all these marks please contact NVE asap. NVE will continue to mark energized conductors the way they always have. If you have any feedback on this change, please let Kristen know.

The conversation about empty conduits lead to discussion of abandoned and unmarked conduits. Tyler Byrd and Ryan White proposed starting a new committee called Field Meets, with Tyler as chair and Ryan as co-chair. The NRCGA Board will vote on creating or not creating this committee at the next Board meeting.

6. Damage to Existing Utility Above Ground, On Concrete or Other Surface (Cesar Castillo)

Problem: when cutting, digging, or pulling up sidewalks, concrete or asphalt, excavators at times encounter and damage utilities that are embedded in the concrete, on top of it, or just below it. The excavators are liable for that damage. There has to be standards for excavation in these cases. The issue is being talked about across the country. Locators can locate and mark that there's a utility under the ground, but they can't say how deep it is. It seems to be an issue with utilities buried a long time ago (40 years, for example).

7. Electronic Positive Response Committee (Boyd Duchene)

This new committee is looking for members. Go to www.nrcga.org, Positive Response Committee, to submit your interest in joining this committee. This committee will decide the positive response codes used in Nevada. Our first meeting will be held soon and we'll report details at the NRCGA's September meeting.

The PUCN will be conducting a workshop on July 29 and hearing on July 30 on the issue of making electronic positive response mandatory. Research docket 21-01028 on the PUCN website for more background on the info and dates workshops will be held.

If you would like to talk to Nevada political representatives about issues affecting excavators, come to NUCA's Aug. 15 candidate night at 4 p.m.

8. New Board Position – Alliance Representative (Cesar Castillo)

At the NRCGA Board's last meeting a couple weeks ago, the Board voted to create an Alliance Representative for a NUCA, NCA or similar industry group to have a seat on the NRCGA board. This board



position will encourage collaboration between the NRCGA and other industry groups. If you'd like to be considered for the seat, you must be an NRCGA member in addition to being a NUCA, NCA or other industry group member. Board nominations will be conducted later this year around September via email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9. 811 Day (Lynsay Demko, Ryan White)

Our event will be held Aug. 2 at the Las Vegas Ballpark. We'll offer 300 tickets for \$8.11 and hold a drawing for a grand prize of \$811.

10. Golf Tournament (Dawn Rivard, Kevin Cosgrove)

It will be Nov. 1 at National Golf Course. We will start advertising and taking payment for teams and sponsorships on Aug. 1. We will have a charity component to our tournament this year with 10% of profits going toward the Southern Nevada Trades High School.

11. Locate Rodeo (Mike Marrero)

We're still looking for a location. Looking like it will be Oct. 19 if we're able to nail down the CSN campus on west Charleston. We're looking for volunteers for tournament day. We're also looking for sponsors. We'll have more information soon as we nail

12. Short-Notice Dig Ticket Task Force (Ryan White)

The committee has met three times. After these three meetings, the committee is still split on the best direction forward, although everybody agrees something needs to change regarding short-notice tickets. But what that change looks like has differing opinions. Some want to get rid of short-notice tickets until we fix the problem. Others want to keep short-notice tickets until we fix the problem. Ryan will schedule another Teams committee meeting soon.

50 IN 5 INITIATIVE:

13. The Plan to Reduce Damages to 50% in 5 Years (Lynsay Demko)
Tabled.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2024