



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

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

ATTENDANCE:

In Person (Approx. 48)

Kristen Garcia, Chair, NV Energy

Ryan White, Vice-Chair, USA North 811

Jeremy Crawford, Director, Kern River Gas

Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN

Rick Torrens, Director, KCI

Mike Austin, Director, LVVWD

Dennis Bott, Director, PUCN

Lance Olson, Director, City of Henderson

Austin Benedict, Director, ELM

Scott Allen, Director, Las Vegas Paving

Lora Woodliff, HF Sinclair Midstream

Steve Priscu, City of Boulder City

Beryl Cox, Cox Communications

Charles Folashade, FMG LTD

Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy

Mark Benedict, ELM

Mike Knight, MME

Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment

Scott Marx, Xram Excavation

Kyle Alcorn, JABCO

Tyler Byrd, Byrd Underground

Brendan Vargas, Tilson

Carlos Moreno, SCI

Betty Chang, Google Fiber

Telford Myers, USIC

John Martini, Las Vegas Paving

Joe Rainey, Las Vegas Paving

Melody Richard, Las Vegas Electric

Felicia Tarin, Hole Hogz

Irving Peralta, Hole Hogz

Greg Lane, GigaPower

Sergio Hernandez, Western States

Angelo Moreno, Western States

Jar Dominguez, Western States

Terry Harpt, Southwest Gas

Harold Lefler, Western States

Salvatore Caponigro, The Barricade Co.

Robert McKechnie, Hole Hogz

Tristan Hays, Clark County School District

Ronald Jacobson, Hofsommer Excavation

Chance Walker, Southwest Gas

Tom Fava, ELM

Online/Teams (Approx. 24)

(Full attendee list unavailable)

Boyd Duchene, Director, CCWRD

Wayne Scott, Director, AT&T

Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake Construction

James Wingate, USA North 811

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Introduction (Kristen Garcia)

Kristen Garcia, the NRCGA's chair for 2025-2026, introduced herself and welcomed those present in person and online via Teams. During the introduction, Kristen presented Cesar Castillo, the NRCGA's 2023-2024



chair, with an appreciation trophy for his leadership. Cesar “is the first person at every event, he’s the last one to leave. He’s always running, working hard, making sure all of our stuff goes off without a hitch.”

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Kristen Garcia)

Lance Olson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Brendan Vargas seconded the motion.

3. 50 in 5 (Kristen Garcia & Lynsay Demko)

Many of the suggestions made to get Nevada to a 50% reduction in 5 years have been implemented (11 total) in the NRCGA’s excavator safety training program. The NRCGA’s Electronic Positive Response Committee is also part of this effort.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Welcome New Members (Kristen Garcia)

- GigaPower
Greg Lane spoke on behalf of Giga Power, an open access fiber network.
- Google Fiber
Betty Chang spoke on behalf of Google Fiber, who has been installing fiber in the Valley for a couple years.
- HF Sinclair Midstream
Lora Woodliff spoke on behalf of HF Sinclair, a pipeline company with pipeline between Utah and Las Vegas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

5. Education and Training Committee (Chance Walker)

- 2024 achievements: 118 companies trained, 94 classes, 1567 people trained.
- New training format with hands-on portion and digital sign-in implemented.
- 14 trainers across 6 facilities in Nevada.
- 2025 goals include standardizing policies, updating content, and expanding stakeholder involvement.

6. Committee Chairs Announced (Kristen Garcia)

- 811 Day: Chairs are Lindsey Demko and Mike Austin
- Golf Tournament: Chairs are Dawn Rivard and Kevin Cosgrove
- Locate Rodeo: Chairs are Austin Benedict and Kaitlyn Cabrera
- Silver Shovel Award: Chairs are Dawn Rivard, Kristin, and Scott Allen
- Electronic Positive Response Task Force: Chair is Boyd Duchene
(This committee will function as part of the Operations Committee)
- Craig Rogers Damage Prevention Award: New committee formed. Chairs are Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott, and Lynsay Demko.



7. **Electronic Positive Response Committee (Boyd Duchene)**

This committee will be merged into the Operations Committee.

8. **Operations Committee (Ryan White)**

Electronic Positive Response and Short-Notice Ticket committees will be merged into this committee. If you join this committee, you may opt to attend only those meetings that pertain to your interests.

- Operations Committee to meet before end of February to discuss follow-up and dispute ticket types.
- Members to watch for emails about new ticket type data formats.
- Interested parties to sign up for committee participation on NRCGA website.
- USA North will hold its first Board meeting of 2025 in Las Vegas on Jan. 29. If any members would like to attend, RSVP to Ryan. Space is limited.
- Continue discussions on improving damage reporting and data collection processes.
- Explore partnerships with educational institutions for outreach and workforce development.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2025, in Carson City