



NRCGA/NUCA Coalition Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2025

TIME: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LOCATIONS:

- **MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**
PUCN, 9075 W. DIABLO DRIVE, #250, LAS VEGAS, NV 89148

In-Person Attendance

Mario Guzman, Chair, Flippins

Danielle Hunt, C&S Company
Mike Knight, MME
Mike Mitchell, BloodHound Underground
Robert Campbell, TCC
Mark Benedict, ELM
Austin Benedict, ELM
Lori McVicar, AMC Concrete
Jar Dominguez, Western States Contracting
Sergio Hernandez, Western States Contracting
Angelo Moreno, Western States Contracting
Brian Gordon, DigContrax
Irving Peralta, Hole Hogz
Robert McKechnie, Hole Hogz
Felicia Tarin, Hole Hogz
Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell
Allen Autagavaia, City of North Las Vegas
Alle Frischmann, City of North Las Vegas
Andrew Gonzalez, City of North Las Vegas
Chance Walker, Southwest Gas
Brendan Vargas, Tilson

Online/Phone Attendance

Ryan White, Chair, USA North 811

Tawanna Wade-Gerchman
Kaitlyn M Cabrera, ELM Utility
Michael Austin, LVVWD
Angela Schwindt-Paul, LVVWD
David Estes, CenturyLink
Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake Construction
Greg Noel, USIC

Tim Gates, City of Henderson
Charles Atkinson, TMWA
Eric P. Hinkle, Terra Contracting
Brandon Owens
Justin Rosales, Keller-NA
Jeremy Crawford, Kern River
Lynsay Demko-Edwards, Southwest Gas
Darrell Herbert, Kinder Morgan
Wayne Scott, AT&T
Kristen Garcia, NV Energy
Thomas Fava Jr., Stake Center
Raymond Felix
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Mike Marrero, USIC
Andrea Stainback, Stake Center
Lance Olson, City of Henderson
Chance Walker, Southwest Gas
Brett Willis, Silver Lake Construction
Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy
James Wingate, USA North 811
Luis Diaz
Kathy Bergman, Mammoth Underground
Kurt Brna, Byrd Underground
Siddarth Munivelu, Pelican Corp
Mark Largesse, HF Sinclair



ACTION ITEMS

- Prepare proposal for inviting Cox and Lumen to discuss embedded utilities damage costs/processes.
- Document & compile info on shallow buried facilities discovered during Maryland Parkway project for future reference.
- Follow up with Tawanna Gerchman re PUC notifications of 911 outages; explore info sharing possibilities.
- Contact Tawanna Gerchman to discuss potential 811 partnership with 911 for outage coordination.
- Add EPR code 33 (high profile facility) usage/follow-up actions to next NRCGA Operations Committee agenda.
- Compile email submissions for future meeting topics from coalition members.

Key Takeaways

- Senate Bill 214, proposing to increase non-excavator depth allowance to 18 inches, faces strong opposition and is unlikely to pass
- Concerns raised about cleanup of utility markings and embedded utilities in concrete/asphalt
- Discussions on improving communication and data sharing for high-priority facilities and unclear white paint markings
- PUC conducting educational inspections on positive response review compliance

TOPICS

Senate Bill 214 Update

- Introduced by Senator Ira Hanson to give non-excavators 18 inches depth allowance before locating required.
- NUCA and multiple utilities/associations testified in opposition.
- Bill unlikely to pass due to strong safety concerns raised.

Utility Marking Cleanup

- Issues with paint marks, whiskers, and flags left after work completion.
- Suggestions to remove whiskers/flags but concerns about erasing paint that may be for other projects.
- Locators working to minimize unnecessary marking and use alternatives in landscaped areas.
- Potential cost implications for contractors if cleanup becomes required.

Embedded Utilities in Concrete/Asphalt

- Damages occurring to shallow utilities embedded in sidewalks/pavement.
- Unclear responsibility and inflated repair costs from third-party billing companies.
- Suggestions to improve documentation and sharing of shallow utility information.
- AT&T notes \$450 flat rate for service line damages, unlike other providers.

High-Priority Facility Marking

- Discussions on improving identification and communication for high-consequence facilities.
- NRS defines high-consequence facilities, but definitions may need updating.
- Suggestions to use consistent field markings (e.g. "HP") for high-priority lines.
- Clarification needed on expectations for standby requests vs. awareness notifications.



White Paint Pre-marking Issues

- Concerns about abuse of Code 24 (white paint pre-markings unclear).
- Suggestions for excavators to document white paint with photos before calling in tickets.
- PUCN advises using "no response" option instead of getting new ticket if dispute arises.
- Emphasis on communication between parties to resolve issues efficiently.

Next Steps

- Review EPR codes and processes in Operations Committee, especially for high-priority facilities.
- Develop best practices for identifying and marking high-priority lines in the field.
- Educate members on proper white paint pre-marking documentation and positive response review requirements.
- Continue discussions on data sharing platforms for utility location information.
- Address cleanup expectations and potential cost implications in future meetings.