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## NUCA/NRCGA Damage Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes

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**MEETING DATE:** July 31, 2025

**TIME:** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**LOCATIONS:**

- **MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**
- **PUCN OFFICE, 9072 W. DIABLO DRIVE, #250 LAS VEGAS**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**In Person**

Harold Lefler, Chair, Western States

Dawn Rivard, PUCN

Dennis Bott, PUCN

Scott Allen, Las Vegas Paving

Kristen Garcia, NV Energy

Austin Benedict, Stake Center

Mark Benedict, Stake Center

Robert, Hole Hogz

Jethro Dijkman, Arizona Pipeline

Charles Folashade, Advanced Spade

David Macias, Hole Hogz

Terry Harpt, Southwest gas

Derek Puffer, C&S Company

Scott Marx, Xram

Dani Hunt, C&S Company

Jeremy Banfield, HF Sinclair/UNEV Pipeline

Quinton Swinney, MMC Inc.

Mario Guzman, New Com/MMC

Melody Richard, Las Vegas Electric

Wayne Scott, AT&T

Adam Zeciri, Sub-T

Michael Austin, LVVWD

Lacy Enciso, Pure Plumbing LV

Yedy Castaneda, Mears Pipeline

Jason Kouba, Rustoleum

Pete Thompson, Lumen

Liz Amaya, NV Energy

Chloe Temple, Empire Cat

Baldomero Gomez, Hirschi Companies

Shane Ayers, Stake Center

Brian Gordon, DigContrax

Jeremy Crawford, Kern River

Brian Vesey, Keller North America

Greg, Red Star

Charles Atkinson, TMWA

Andrea Stainback, Stake Center

Angela Schwindt-Paul, LVVWD

Chance Walker, Southwest Gas

Tristan Hays, CCSD

Angelo Moreno, Western States

Kathy Bergman, Mammoth Underground

Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake Construction

Robert Baca, Southwest Gas

Siddarth Munivelu, Pelican Corp.

**Teams**

Boyd Duchene, CCWRD

Raymond Felix, NPL Construction

Ryan White, USA North 811

**Welcome:** Harold Lefler called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

***\*Meeting notes generated by Fathom AI Notetaker.***

**Topics**

USA North System Updates



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- Launching dispute and follow-up ticket features on 8/1
  - Dispute allows excavators to challenge inaccurate positive responses (e.g. negotiated marking schedule without actual negotiation)
  - Follow-up enables requesting field meets or clarification through tickets
  - New member select option allows targeting specific utilities for actions
  - Utilities should respond to disputes within 2 hours, treated similarly to emergency tickets
  - New EPR codes to be implemented 1/1/26, including microtrench facilities present and damage/exposed not applicable

#### Fiber Optic Locating Issues

- Increase in non-responsive tickets for fiber lines, particularly MCI/Verizon
- State Center facing staffing challenges: 6 current fiber techs, hiring 2 more
- New Verizon contract requires site visits for all tickets, increasing workload
- Goal to clear fiber ticket backlog by Saturday
- Discussion on improving communication and prioritization of urgent tickets

#### Verizon Marking Standards Concerns

- New standards include using dots on sidewalks/driveways instead of diamonds
- Potential conflict with CGA best practices and Nevada state law
- Follow-up meeting to be scheduled with Verizon representatives to address concerns

#### Micro Trench Marking Standards

- GigaPower and Google have committed to identifying “micro trench” in their marking standards using “MT” in a circle.

#### Upcoming Events and Initiatives

- 811 Day at Aviators Ballpark on 8/11 (limited \$8.11 tickets sold out)
- Locate Rodeo on 10/11 at Community College of Southern Nevada (Charleston campus)
- Encouragement for contractors to participate and sponsor to show appreciation for locators

#### Data Collection for Issues

- Request for participants to send specific examples and data on recurring issues to Charles
- Goal to build a repository of information for making educated decisions on industry challenges

#### Next Steps

- Implement and monitor new dispute and follow-up ticket features (8/1)
- State Center to continue addressing fiber locating backlog
- Schedule meeting with Verizon representatives to discuss marking standards
- Participate in upcoming 811 Day (8/11) and Locate Rodeo (10/11) events
- Send specific issue examples and data to Charles for repository building