



NRCGA Member Meeting Recap

MEETING DATE: Nov. 15, 2022

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS: Microsoft Teams Meeting; Southwest Gas (1060 Alper Center Drive, Henderson)

Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer/PUCN

Beryl Cox, Cox Communications

Dennis Bott, Chair, SW Gas

Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake

Salvatore V. Caponigro, Director, Stake Center

Marshall Johnson, AT&T

Craig Rogers, Director, PUCN

Crystal Voight

Mario Fernandez, Director, LVVWD

Brian Gordon

LaWayne Scott, Director, AT&T

Hole Hogz (Guest)

Boyd Duchene, Director, Clark County

Jimmy Benoit

Water Reclamation District

Gerardo Romero, Stake Center

Robert Ward, Director, NV Energy

Matt Brecke, NV Energy

Andrew Barbieri, G2

Jamie Haas, SW Gas

Willy Avila

Nancy Lopez, SW Gas

Steve Priscu, Director, City of Boulder City

Andrea Stainback, CenturyLink

Jethro Dijkman, DigContrax

Matt Dodd

Kyle

Marc Krichman

Gregory Carreras, City of North Las Vegas

Tyler Byrd, Byrd Underground

Scott

Ryan Egan, Lumen

David Oberg, Badger, Inc.

Aaron Quilici, SW Gas

Thomas Fava, Jr., Stake Center

David Estes

Charles Folashade

Virginia Miller, SW Gas

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Introductions (Dennis Bott)

Dennis led introductions.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Dennis Bott)

Motion made by Scott Allen; Jethro seconded. No vote against. Motion passed.

3. Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)

- Balance at \$69,437
- 2023 due invoices will be sent this month
- Finance Committee will meet before January
- Reminder to attendees, if organization is not a paying NRCGA member, you cannot be part of committees.

4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)

- Seven civil penalties: two operators; five excavators.
- Due to a recent Five Million Dollar Connecticut penalty for a fiber install that caused multiple damages, NRCGA goal is to be prepared for the local area's anticipated incoming fiber project. The ultimate objective is to be properly staffed to maintain Nevada's current two-day locating target. Craig Rogers and Dennis Bott have discussions scheduled with the (undisclosed) fiber company, to request as much notice as possible in light of the time necessary to train locators.

5. CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Craig Rogers)

- The recent CGA summit focused on the following three challenges: Facilities not accurately marked and late; excavator errors; and effective and consistent use of 811. Each Committee should focus on ways to help work towards addressing each challenge.
- Gold shovel organization will merge with CGA in January. If a member of the Gold Shovel, you will automatically be part of CGA DPI (or Damage Prevention Institute). DPI will organize two committees: pre-construction and construction. If your company is a Gold Shovel member, you will be accredited. More information is on website.
 1. Review of Chapter 3 - *One Call Center*. 811 Call Center will also provide an 800#.
 2. Review potholing and best practices. Task team how to pothole properly. Language being adjusted 202201 for excavators.
 3. Excavator role in positive 202206 response. 30-day posting language is changing to ensure operators are providing a positive response.
 4. 202202 – Abandoned lines. Pilot w/ Texas 811 and operators.
 5. 202203 – Disastrous response and recovery. Task team set but no proposal
 6. Active groups working to submit TR – Subsurfacing; Design and planning How-To's. Interested in Subsurfacing utility? Second working group: ticket life and preservation of marks. Bilingual efforts. Ticket load leveling and scheduling. NRCGA is interested. Mapping. And 6: trouble locating. Task team modeling how to handle trouble locates.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. New Member – GPRS, Inc. (Dennis Bott)

- GPRS is 100% focused on damage prevention and has been an active participant with CGA and wishes to continue its involvement.
- GPRS has several pilot programs used to help excavators. With their roughly 10,000 projects per year, ranging from small utility locates to larger, campus-size areas, each considered one project, they share knowledge with their clients that include environmental companies, general construction, telecom companies, etc.
- Plan and Design tickets in Nevada have been a focus so the NRCGA is excited to have GPRS as an actively involved member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7. Best Practices (Craig Rogers)

- Definition of excavation (moving from mechanical to hand tools). Excavating over 12 inches even with hand tools needs a ticket. Recommended Members attend the January workshop (specific date TBD). Workshop will answer questions and discuss revisions to determine if NRCGA will support this law, which must have 100% support.
- Mapping petition to reclassify USAN as a State Agency to allow State of Nevada to provide mapping data. This adjustment, limited to maps only, is for excavator use.



8. Golf Tournament (Bob Ward)

- For first year, event was a huge success. A few recommendations for next year: new venue; change to Friday; earlier in year (warmer).
- \$13,962.99 in revenue. Helped offset costs of other NRCGA events.
- SWG team first place. Photos on NRCGA website
- Bob Ward will chair the 2023 event

9. Education/Training (Steve Wibalda, Matt Brecke, Nancy Lopez)

- Seventy different companies - 1,325 attendees
- Course is free and registration is easy. Offering four classes per month (two Spanish - two English)
- Reminder for Members: send your people or promote the class.

10. Locate Rodeo (Dennis Bott)

- Opportunity to acknowledge those locators who have gone a full year without any issues.
- Will be at UNLV December 17th.
- To date, approximately thirty (30) competitors registered.
- Need volunteers for time keeping, wheel judges, etc.

11. NRCGA Nominating Committee (Jethro Dijkman)

- Candidates inadvertently left off ballots. Voting will be resent. Please Vote!
(During first survey, only 15 returned (10%))

Stakeholder Group	Director
Water	Mario Fernandez, Las Vegas Valley Water District
Sewer	Boyd Duchene, Clark County Water Reclamation District
Gas	Dennis Bott, Southwest Gas
Pipeline	Rustin McLaughlin, Great Basin Gas Transmission Company
Road Builder	Bill Wellman, Las Vegas Paving
Regulator	Craig Rogers, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
Electric	Robert Ward, NV Energy
Excavator	Cesar Castillo, R. P. Weddell
Telecom	Wayne Scott, AT&T
One-Call	Ryan White, USA North 811
Locators	Sal Caponigro, Stake Center Locating
Public Works	Steve Priscu, City of Boulder City
Design Engineering	Rick Torrens, KCI
Chair	Dennis Bott, Southwest Gas
Vice Chair	Cesar Castillo, R.P. Weddell
Secretary/Treasurer	Dawn Rivard, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada

12. NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)

- Private utilities marked; looking to improve the process (ticket size, ticket duration, assignments). On time percentage markings for some entities and those who needed improvement were receptive. One problem from excavators: dig tickets come back “white paint unclear” but pictures show clear.
- NUCA and NCA electronic positive response...maybe adding some codes to State of Nevada.

13. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Dennis Bott)

- Two weekly webinars are available until the Pelican cutover of December 16th. The first webinar was attended by 370 participants.
- December 12th is early access for excavators
- Existing tickets won't be moved over, but will still be active.
- Email Matt (Dodd), Ryan or Colin for more information
- Important to educate excavators and invite to webinars (two per week)

Next Meeting: Jan. 17, 2023

