



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2022

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING
- SOUTHWEST GAS, 1060 ALPER CENTER DRIVE, HENDERSON

ATTENDEES:

Dennis Bott, Chair	Charles Atkinson, Truckee Meadows Water
Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer	Larry Bialek, Cox
Cesar Castillo, Vice-Chair	Matt Brecke, NV Energy
Boyd Duchene, Sewer	Brian Gordon, DigContrax
Craig Rogers, Regular	Jeremy Crawford, Kern River
Mario Fernandez, Water	Joseph D'Ambrosio, NV Energy
Ryan White, One Call	Dave Snyder
Bob Ward, Electricity	Derek Puffer, C&S Company
Wayne Scott, Telecom	Harold Lefler, Western States
Sal Caponigro, Locate	Jaime Navarrete
Jamie Haas, Pipeline	Jamie Haas, Southwest Gas
Steve Wibalda, G2	Marshall Johnson, AT&T
Kathy Williams, Badger Daylighting	Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake Construction
Steve Priscu, City of Boulder City	Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter
Cole Smith, Wells Cargo	Mario Fernandez, LVVWD
Doug Conroe, NPL	Wendell Marshall, NV Dept. of Transportation
Dwayne Wilson, Wells Cargo	Michael Stake, Zayo
Kyle Wright, Haaker	Gregory Noel, USIC Locating
Thomas Fava Jr. , Stake Center	Paul Gibson, Terri Contracting
Charles Folashade, Zayo	Brad Poulson, Kern River
Billy Weston Sr.	Ronald Lovely, LVVWD
Bridget Alati, Cpx	Ryan White, USA North 811
Alvaro Garcia, Terra Contracting	Tim Gates, City of Henderson
Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy	

STANDING ITEMS:

1. **Introductions (Dennis Bott)**

Dennis introduced attendees at the SWG operations center and those attending online through Teams.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda (Dennis Bott)**

Sal made a motion to adopt the agenda for today's meeting and minutes from our May meeting. Cole Smith from Wells Cargo seconded the motion.

3. Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)

Dawn provided an update on the NRCGA's current fund balance.

4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)

Since our May meeting, PUCN pipeline engineers have issued three civil penalties – 1 was issued to a utility, 2 were issued to excavators. No formal warnings were issued.

5. CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Cesar Castillo, Bob Ward)

Craig Rogers will provide this update going forward. Craig had no updates.

According to Dennis Bott, SW Gas is working on draft language for a best practice for trouble locates. SW Gas presented to the American Gas Association and the CGA. There's some debate about marking trouble locates in pink, which is designated for surveys. Some states don't recognize pink. The question is what color should be used. If this is adopted by the CGA as a best practice, it'll resolve the issue. If anyone wants to reach out to Dennis on this trouble locate best practice, please do so.

NEW ITEMS:

6. New Member Introduction (Dennis Bott)

- JBM Underground – no JBM representatives were in this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7. 811 Day (Dawn Rivard)

Dennis estimates that up to 80% of the people who approached the NRCGA's 811 Day booth at Cowabunga Bay in 2019 had no idea what 811 was. It was a great opportunity to talk to people and educate them. Park capacity is 3500 (estimate). On Aug. 6, we will hold 811 Day at Cowabunga Bay once again. Buying tickets online with the promo code 811DAY will get people a discounted price of \$24.99. \$5 for every \$24.99 ticket sold will be given to the NRCGA, which will be used for future outreach endeavors. NRCGA members have the opportunity to get their names/logos on the 3 banners we'll have at the event by providing \$500 in gift cards for attendees. CB is also donating a picnic area to the NRCGA, which can hold 600 people. If any of our member companies want to offer this location to their employees as a kind of employee appreciation event, contact Dawn, Dennis or Cesar.

8. Golf Tournament (Bob Ward)

1st Annual NRCGA Golf Tournament. We've had one committee meeting so far about a week ago. We selected Arroyo Golf Club at Red Rock for this fundraiser. The golf course gave Bob a quote for having an event there on a Saturday or Sunday. The cost is \$440 for foursome, or \$110 per person. Anything we charge over \$440 is profit for us. The tournament would be the first week of November. We expect to make at least \$20,000 in profit. There is room for 36 foursomes. The committee will meet again in the next couple weeks. We'll decide on an event logo and costs. The success of this event will help us maintain our dues at the current rate (\$800 & \$400).

9. Locate Rodeo (Dennis Bott)

Dennis and Craig will reach out to UNLV to secure the grounds and set a date in November.



10. NRCGA Nominating Committee (Jethro Dijkman)

Voting for Board members will take place in November. If anyone wants to be part of the NRCGA Board, let Jethro know.

11. Education/Training (Steve Wibalda, Matt Brecke)

Steve Wibalda – 826 people have taken the class so far this year in the south. 4 classes a month – 2 English, 2 Spanish. If none of the prescheduled classes meet your schedule, contact Steve. He can schedule an alternate date/time at SWG or at your company's location. The class is 90 minutes.

Matt Brecke– NVE Gas has conducted 14 classes so far this year in the north.

12. Best Practices (Craig Rogers)

Still waiting for PUCN to draw up wording for the definition of excavation. As soon as the PUCN has a draft, Craig will distribute it for comment. If you're a contractor in the state of Nevada, you're going to have to get a ticket even if you're using hand tools. Nevada Revised Statute 455.092 defines excavation. The PUCN is drafting a bill draft request to change the definition in the law. The BDR would be up for passage in the 2023 legislative session.

13. NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)

First week of August will be the next meeting. Location could be at the PUCN. If there are any agenda items people want to talk about, let Harold know. Topics on the agenda as of now are changes to the 811 ticketing system and marking standards and labeling of facilities. This committee is set up to identify problems and solve problems. Come with ideas on how to resolve problems, not just problems. AGA, NUCA and NRCGA are members of this committee.

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

Ryan – still in the thick of Pelican development. USAN meets twice a week with Pelican – they're in heavy testing right now. USAN is planning to do training in Vegas and Reno. The new system is so much easier to submit tickets. The goal is to go live Sept. 2.

Dennis – if you want to be on the USAN Board, you have to be an NRCGA board member.

Next Meeting: Sept. 20, 2022