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## Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** May 16, 2023

**TIME:** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATIONS:**

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

**ATTENDEES:**

In Person:

- Cesar Castillo, CHAIR, RP Weddell
- Craig Rogers, DIRECTOR, PUCN
- Steve Priscu, DIRECTOR, City of Boulder City
- Lynsay Demko, DIRECTOR, Southwest Gas
- Ryan White, DIRECTOR, USA North 811
- Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment
- Greg Noel, USIC
- Matt Jensen, Tilson
- Lavey Theobald, Tilson
- Laura Nielsen, Tilson
- John Pope, Tilson
- Martin Perez, Canyon Plumbing
- Joe Zombrano, MCON
- Angelica Vargas, ELM
- Austin Benedict, ELM
- Dennis Bott, ELM
- Harold Lefler, Western States
- Anthony Dixon, Southwest Gas
- Steve Wibalda, Sunrise Eng.
- Donnie Foster, Southwest Gas
- Mike Marshall, MCON
- Adair Diaz Hernandez, MCON

Teams:

- Sal Caponigro, DIRECTOR, Stake Center
- 702-371-0348, Unknown Affiliation
- 702-202-8319, Unknown Affiliation
- Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy
- Anne Marie Hartney, Trench Shoring
- Anthony Headley, West Valley Construction
- Bobby, Unknown Affiliation

- Boyd Duchene, DIRECTOR, CCWRD
- Brian Gordon, DigContrax
- Michael Cardona, CCI-California
- Charles Folashade Jr, Zayo
- Beryl Cox, Cox Communications
- Jeremy Crawford, Kern River
- Joseph D'Ambrosio, NV Energy
- Dave Mulcahey, GPRS Inc.
- Dawn Rivard, SECRETARY/TREASURER, PUCN
- David L. Estes, Lumen
- Felicia Tarin - Hole Hogz
- Izzy Gamboa, CCI-Southwest
- Jamie Haas, Southwest Gas
- Ken Jr. Flippin, Flippins Trenching
- Gregory Lane
- Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter
- Mike Marrero, USIC
- Massoud Javid, CCPW
- Megan Oaks, Stake Center
- Carlos Moreno, Lumen
- Raymond Felix, NPL Construction
- Richard Torrens, DIRECTOR, KCI Engineering
- Ronald Lovely, LVVWD
- Scott Allen, Las Vegas Paving
- Wayne Scott, DIRECTOR, AT&T
- Shane Ayers, Southwest Gas
- Tammy Bentley, C&S
- Tim Gates, City of Las Vegas
- Tyler Byrd, Byrd Construction
- Robert Ward, DIRECTOR, NV Energy
- Wesley T. Pettus, Hirschi Companies



**STANDING ITEMS:**

1. Introductions (Cesar Castillo)  
Self-introductions took place.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Cesar Castillo)  
Harold Lefler made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Ryan White.

3. Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)  
Dawn relayed the NRCGA's current fund balance and announced two upcoming fundraisers – 811 Day & the golf tournament – will help keep the NRCGA financially healthy.

4. **Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**

4 civil penalties – 2 were issued to excavators, 2 to operators. The operators issued civil penalties will be required to provide a portion (\$10,000) to the NRCGA. The PUCN also sent out 4 warning letters.

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

Trouble Locate process – Southwest Gas has put in a TR for the nation. The goal is to have all utilities look at this process and use it. It gives utilities more time to fix problem locates without holding up locators. Southwest Gas and NV Energy will be using this process soon.

The CGA has an initiative to reduce damages by 50% over the next two years. NULCA wants to implement an initiative to help achieve this goal – accurate and timely locates, potholing, accurate maps. Mike Marrero with USIC challenged all stakeholder groups to create an initiative and figure out how you're going to impact the 50% goal over the next two years.

The Damage Prevention Institute at CGA is new. It used to be called the Gold Shovel. It's going to be the next big thing at the CGA in creating metrics/targets for damage prevention for all stakeholder groups.

6. **USA North 811 Update (Ryan White)**

Release coming out Wednesday night. The upcoming changes are:

- Update to circle tool when you're drawing out your location. Radius and diameter of a circle will be available.
- If you select no delineation – pop up now tells you what the law says – it'll ask you if you will pre-mark in white. If you say no, it'll kick you out of the system and you'll have to start over.
- Functionality between step 2 and step 3 improvement– Step 2 is where you put in location so the map can find you, and Step 3 is where you confirm the location. When you put in your address, draw your polygon, and go to the next step, Google will issue a pop-up alert to let you know if there's a conflict with the address. It'll ask you if you want to use the address you inserted or Google's suggested address.
- Planning & Design System – Testing and almost ready to move into pre-production. This is to help in the design process. It'll be available sometime this year.
- Phone App – it's up and running on android and apple phone systems. Look for "USA North – NV" in the Apple or Google app stores. The app allows you to initiate new tickets. It doesn't show positive response at this point. That's coming.



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**811 Training:** USA North will be providing training in Elko soon that will cover one call access, how to submit a ticket and the general 811 process. If anybody needs training, let Ryan/USAN know and USAN will come to you to help.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**7. Tilson Fiber Project Update (Tilson Representatives)**

90% will be in residential areas. 2 micro trenchers in the next 30 days, moving up to 4 in the next 60 days. Volume is significant – around 40,000 feet per month. Providing over 200 jobs in So. NV. They will take whatever 811 training USAN and NRCGA are willing to provide. Tilson will be calling in a high volume of tickets. They are using vac trucks to pothole. There's a vac truck with every crew. They're going to pothole all jobs – if they are digging to 12 inches and utilities are at 36 inches, they will pothole until they expose every utility that is marked at the dig site. Right now all their work is just in Las Vegas. They will ask their client if they can share an overview map.

NRCGA members asked Tilson to add a keyword like "gigabyte" to their 811 ticket to help locators understand the work better. Tilson said yes.

An NRCGA member asked Tilson to close out their tickets as soon as they're done with the work. It'll help other utilities. Tilson agreed to do that.

**8. New Members (Cesar Castillo):**

- Menichino Construction – no one present.
- Flippin's Trenching, Inc. – Ken Flippin introduced his company, which has been in Las Vegas for 67 years. Flippin's was invited to Silver Shovel two weeks ago and liked the event. Flippin's is a fan of white paint and dig tickets and potholes. Flippin's has a "dozen trucks that stand at the ready." Go to <https://flippins.com> to learn about the company.
- Mammoth Underground – Silver Shovel candidate – no one in attendance.
- Hirschi Companies – Silver shovel candidate – no one in attendance.
- Las Vegas Paving – Silver Shovel Winner – Scott Allen didn't want to comment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**9. Excavator Appreciation Dinner/Silver Shovel (Cesar Castillo)**

Las Vegas Paving won. 130 people attended – our best event yet. Next year will be better – maybe free beer!

**10. 811 Day (Sal Caponigro)**

Dawn for Sal – 811 Day at Cowabunga Bay in Henderson will take place on Friday, Aug. 11, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The promo code is 811Day23 and a link to purchase tickets is available on the NRCGA website.

**11. Golf Tournament (Bob Ward)**

Friday, Oct. 13 at National Golf Course. Doing it on a Friday this year and in October rather than November, so the weather should be better. Bob has been in contact with the golf course and has asked for menus and pricing. So far National seems easier to work with. Joe Kelly should be sending over a contract for us to sign soon. We'll be looking for volunteers to help on the committee.



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**12. Best Practices (Craig Rogers)**

Hand dig bill has moved to the Senate – no opposition at all. It goes to the house next. Has no idea what's going on with mandatory positive response. The governor doesn't want additional legislation, so our attorneys had to rewrite some of the bill. A couple people pushed back on it.

USA North map law – James went to Carson to testify in support of it, as did Southwest Gas and a couple other stakeholders. It passed with no opposition. Moving forward.

**13. Education/Training (Steve Wibalda, Cesar Castillo, Nancy Lopez)**

707 trained so far this year. Two English/2 Spanish classes are calendared each month. All are posted to the NRCGA website. If you need training outside of the regular class schedule, contact Steve.

**14. NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)**

Great teamwork between NRCGA and NUCA. Nice thing about this committee is you have competitors coming together to work together. We invite anybody to come and participate in this quarterly meeting.

**NON-AGENDIZED ITEM:**

**15. NUCA's Backhoe Rodeo (Tyler Byrd)**

Saturday, Oct. 21 at Dig This, a certified operator school in southern NV. The idea is to showcase talent and what our men and women do every day on the job and to create interest in the industry for workplace development. Great opportunity for companies to come out and promote their brand. There will be backhoes for kids to play on. Sponsorships are available. NUCA expects it to be well attended. Food trucks!

Next Meeting: July 18, 2023