

Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Jan. 19, 2021

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- Zoom

ATTENDANCE:

- Dennis Bott, SW Gas (NRCGA Chair)
- Cesar Castillo, RP Waddell, (NRCGA Co-Chair)
- Bob Ward, NV Energy
- Craig Rogers, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
- Ryan White, USA North 811
- Greg Noel, USIC
- Mario Fernandez, Las Vegas Valley Water District
- Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline
- Dawn Rivard, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (NRCGA Secretary/Treasurer)
- Larry Bialek, Cox Communications
- Matt Brecke, NV Energy
- Wayne Scott, AT&T
- Kevin, Company Unknown
- Taylor Good, Campbell Construction
- Nancy Lopez, Southwest Gas
- Adam, Company Unknown
- Robbie Reed, City of Henderson
- Tony Ebersole, Cox Communications
- Tom Clifton, Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- Chuck Atkinson, Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- Jeff Kennedy, Cox Communications
- Jon Pashton, Clark County Public Works
- Mike Marrero, USIC
- Rick Torrens, KCI Engineering
- Salvatore Caponigro, Stake Center Locating
- Scott, Company Unknown
- Thomas Stevens, Company Unknown
- Yvonne Brodeur, Southwest Gas
- Scott Allen, Las Vegas Paving
- Shane Thacker, Southwest Gas
- One Telephone Participant

STANDING ITEMS:

• **Introductions (Dennis Bott)**

Dennis made introductory remarks.

• **Adoption of the Agenda (Jay Mendiola)**

Cesar Castillo made a motion to adopt the agenda. Bob Ward seconded it.

• **Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**

Dawn provided a report on the NRGA's finances. Dues invoices were sent out in Dec. If you haven't received yours, please let her know.

• **Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**

The PUCN issued 10 in the south, 6th in the north. Trends – calling in a lot of tickets. Not an issue of multiple damages. More damages are going to occur if we don't start up NRGA training again.

• **CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Cesar Castillo, Bob Ward)**

The CGA annual conference was rescheduled from March to October 12-15 at Sea World. In 2022, the annual conference will be April 12 - 14.

• **USA North 811 Positive Response Program (James Wingate)**

- Ryan shared PR System Code Usage spreadsheet with participants. Trend – Oct/Nov/Dec "Negotiated Markings Schedule" and "Unable to Locate Using Standard Locating Techniques" ticked upped in both CA and NV. A lot of members shifted from using other codes to those two codes. Positive response was used 588,000 times in 2020.

- The PUCN has opened docket 20-12029 to investigate making positive response mandatory in Nevada. Comments are due by Jan. 22. Dawn will email the notice out to NRCGA members so they know what's going on and where to send comments. The main driver of this docket is damage prevention. The PUCN wants to know that utilities showed up and that contractors are aware of marking status. Excavators can start digging before the mandated 2 days if they've gotten a positive response from all utilities. Positive response should be added to the NRCGA's training to make sure excavators are aware of it.
- USAN suggested hosting quarterly webinars with NRCGA members to get everybody prepped and ready to go on how to use PR.
- Use this link to look up the status of your ticket www.USANorth811.org/epr.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Education/Training (Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott, Nancy Lopez, Steve Wibalda)**

The NRCGA is looking for virtual options, including Teams, to conduct training. USAN has put together a 3-hour Damage Prevention Academy course and are in the process of putting together a 1.5-hour option, which should be available at the end of the January.

Both Dennis and Cesar have gone to excavator facilities on special request – they follow CDC safety guidelines to avoid Covid. Trainings still available. Reach out to Cesar or Dennis to work something out.

- **Excavator Events (Dennis Bott)**

- The NRCGA Board decided to hold the excavator dinners in 2021. Cesar will chair the committee and Dawn is co-chair.
- 811 Day, Aug. 11, 2021. Ryan is chairing this committee. We're calling it an exploratory committee to see what options we can do virtually or host an event if everything opens back up.
- The next locate rodeo will be April 2022.

- **USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, James Wingate)**

Jack Byrom resigned from the board. We have an open seat. Big meeting for USAN is in April – board is voted in. We'll update you in March on the April meeting. Larry Bialek – newest committee member.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021