



Agenda

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2024

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- **MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**
- **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**
9075 W. Diablo Drive, #250, NV 89148

In Person Participants (18):

Cesar Castillo, Chair, RP Weddell
Kristen Garcia, Vice-Chair, NV Energy
Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN
Dennis Bott, Director, PUCN
Lynsay Demko-Edwards, Director, Southwest Gas
Ryan White, Director, USA North 811
Mike Austin, Director, LVVWD
Mike Marrero, Director, USIC
Terry Harpt, Southwest Gas
Charles Folashade, FMG LTD
Austin Benedict, ELM
Sid Munivelu, Pelican Corp.
Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment
Tim Ostro, Haaker Equipment
Mark Benedict, ELM
Harold Lefler, Western States
Scott Marx, Xram Excavation
Brian Gordon, DigContrax

Jason Q, M&J
Brendan Vargas, Tilsoin
JJ Begnal, Nellis AFB
Andrea Stainback, Stake Center
Gregory Noel, USIC
Frank Alvarez, Trench Shoring
Shaun Sarin, USIC
Beryl Cox, Cox Communications
Charles Atkinson, TMWA
Tyler Byrd, Byrd Underground
Jocy Cuevas, MJE
Shane Ayers, Stake Center
Chance Walker, Southwest Gas
Joseph D'Ambrosio, NV Energy
Scott Allen, Las Vegas Paving
Craig Panter, Stake Center
LeLan Merel, Tilson
Tim Gates, City of Henderson
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Travis, City of North Las Vegas
Jeremy Crawford, Kern River
Kondala Mantri, City of Las Vegas
Ryan White, USA North
James Stevenson, True Net Communications

Teams Participants (27):

Boyd Duchene, CCWRD
Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake
Kalea Kamalii, AIMS Companies

Key Takeaways

- New electronic positive response system and field meet requirements being implemented to improve communication between excavators and locators.
- NRCGA golf tournament raised funds for Southern Nevada Trade High School; organization making progress on "50 in 5" damage reduction initiative
- Committees forming to address ticket management, vacuum excavation processes, and other key issues to reduce damages



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- More comprehensive damage data reporting needed from all stakeholders to drive improvements

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Introduction (Cesar Castillo)

Cesar made introductions.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Cesar Castillo)

Harold Lefler made a motion to adopt the agenda. Kristen Garcia seconded the motion.

3. Underground Service Alert (USA North 811) Update (Ryan White)

Ticket Management

- Discussion of issues with high ticket volumes, especially from large fiber projects
- Considering ways to educate/regulate ticket sizes and total submissions
- National CGA committee formed to address ticket load leveling
- Need to balance contractor needs with system capacity

Electronic Positive Response System

- New system being implemented to improve communication between excavators and locators
- Allows excavators to dispute responses and request field meets when needed
- Goal is to reduce damages by ensuring clear understanding before excavation begins
- Some concerns raised about potential for abuse; process will be monitored and adjusted as needed

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Electronic Positive Response – Enforceable Now (Dennis Bott)

Everyone must start using electronic positive response.

5. New Members (Cesar Castillo)

Cesar welcomes new members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6. Locate Rodeo, Oct. 19 (Mike Marrero)

Mike provided an update on the rodeo.

7. NRCGA Board Nomination Committee (Dawn Rivard)

Dawn provided an update on the search for to fill Board positions for 2025-2026

8. Golf Tournament, Nov. 15 (Dawn Rivard, Kevin Cosgrove)

Dawn spoke about the golf tournament and provided the Southern Nevada Trades High School executive director with a check for \$2100.

9. Positive Response Committee (Boyd Duchene)

Boyd is seeking committee members and hopes to have a meeting soon.

50 in 5

10. Update/Accomplishments So Far/What's Next (Lynsay Demko, Kristen Garcia)

"50 in 5" Initiative Progress



- 11 of 86 submitted ideas formally completed (13%)
- Key accomplishments:
 - Hands-on bilingual training program implemented
 - Statewide damage flowchart adopted nationally by CGA
- Focus areas for 2025:
 - Streamlining electronic positive response
 - Field meet requirements
 - Ticket management improvements
 - Increasing vacuum excavation use

Damage Data Reporting

- More comprehensive reporting to CGA's DIRT system needed from all stakeholders
- Current data incomplete, making it difficult to identify trends/issues
- Voluntary, anonymous reporting encouraged by March 15 deadline
- Better data will drive more targeted improvement efforts

Next Steps

- Form committee to review short notice ticket process and data
- Implement new electronic positive response system and monitor results
- Develop education/outreach to landscapers and other non-traditional excavators
- Encourage all stakeholders to report damage data to DIRT system
- Schedule first meeting for new Locator Recognition Award committee
- Transition to new NRCGA chair at next meeting

Next Meeting: January 14, 2025