



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: July 8, 2025

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- **ONLINE: MICROSOFT TEAMS**
- **IN-PERSON: SOUTHWEST GAS, 1060 ALPER CENTER DRIVE, HENDERSON**

ATTENDANCE: 58 Total

In-Person:

Kristen Garcia, Chair NV Energy
Ryan White, Vice-Chair, USA North 811
Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN
Chance Walker, SW Gas
Austin Benedict, Director, ELM
Charles Folashade, Advanced Spade
Roger S. Liud, RSL
Kyle Wright, Haaker
Robert McKechnie, Hole Hogz
Felicia Tarin, Hole Hogz
Derek Puffer, C&S Company
Danielle Hunt, C&S Company
Julie Allen, National Trench Safety
Lance Olson, Director, Henderson Public Works
Lynsay Demko, Director, SW Gas

Teams:

Cesar Castillo, Director, RP Weddell
Boyd Duchene, Director, CCWRD
Joseph D'Ambrosio, NV Energy
Bobby Theis, Las Vegas Public Works
Michael Austin, LVVWD
Mark Benedict, ELM
Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy
Tim Gates, Henderson Public Works
Tawanna Wade-Gerchman, NV Emergency Management
Paul Gibson, Terra Construction
Jeremy Crawford, Director, Kern River
Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake Construction

Daniela Beaudin, Sletten Construction
Tyler Byrd, Byrd Underground
Richard Torrens, Director, KCI Engineering
Shane Ayers, SW Gas
James Wingate, USA North 811
Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter
Angelo Moreno, Western States
Charles Atkinson, TMWA
Greg Lane, GigaPower
Mike Marrero, USIC
Harold Lefler, Western States
Greg Noel, USIC
Kaitlyn M Cabrera, ELM
Greg, Unverified
Kathy Bergman, Mammoth Underground
Melody Richard, LV Electric
Kurt Brna, Byrd Underground
Brian Vesey, Keller
Scott Allen, Director, Las Vegas Paving
Shaun D Barlow, ELM
Kyle (Unverified)
Travis, City of North Las Vegas
USA North 811 Fathom Notetaker (Unverified)
Daniel Kimminau, Advanced Spade
Angela Schwindt-Paul,
Siddarth Munivelu, Pelican Corp
Cody Urban, FTR
Josue, Unverified
Samantha Thornton, Stake Center
Lacy Enciso, Pure Plumbing LV
Jessica Prock, SW Gas



STANDING ITEMS:

1. **Introduction (Kristen Garcia)**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda (Kristen Garcia)**

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Welcome New Members (Kristen Garcia)**
 - National Trench Safety
 - VCI Construction
 - Terra Contracting
 - Advanced Spade
4. **Recognize guests in attendance (Kristen Garcia)**
5. **Overview of Membership Types/Benefits (Kristen Garcia)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6. **Board Nominations Committee (Dawn Rivard)**
 - 7 positions up for election this fall: sewer, electric, natural gas, locator, road builder, design engineering, and excavator.
 - Visit <https://nrcga.org/about/board-of-directors/board-nomination-form/> if interested in serving.
7. **Facilities Embedded in Sidewalk Task Force (Cesar Castillo)**
 - First meeting held; next meeting on July 16th at 10 AM
 - Seeking input from members to create action plan
 - Goal: Find common ground between excavators and utility owners regarding liability for damage during potholing
 - NUCCA invited to participate
8. **Golf Committee (Dawn Rivard & Kevin Cosgrove)**
 - Tournament will take place on Oct. 31 at National Golf Course.
 - Registration/sponsorship form will be available this week.
9. **Locate Rodeo (Austin Benedict & Kaitlyn Cabrera)**
10. **Education and Training Committee (Chance Walker & Austin Benedict)**
 - 1,208 people trained across 80 companies in 2025 (so far)
 - Partnering with USA North 811 to combine damage prevention training resources
 - New training format to be completed in August
 - "Train the trainer" day planned to review new format and share knowledge
11. **Operations Committee (Ryan White)**
 - Approved changes to EPR codes:
 - o Modifications to codes 54 and 34



- o Removal of codes 40 and 80
- o Addition of new codes for damaged-exposed facilities and microtrench facilities
- Next focus: reviewing 50 in 5 topics

One Call Center Updates:

- New ticket types launching August 1st:
 - o Dispute functionality for excavators to challenge EPR responses
 - o Follow-up feature for adding notes, scheduling field meets, and communication
 - o Member select tool to reduce noise in the system
- Video tutorial on changes to be emailed out
- "Play Pigeon Showdown" event on September 5th (sponsorships available)

12. Non-agendized Items:

- **Vendor/Technical Solutions Committee**
 - o Providing solutions through NRCGA newsletter
 - o First publication focused on excavator management programs for damage prevention
- **CGA Summer Committee Meetings**
 - o Free registration (room and travel costs apply)
 - o Opportunity to get involved at the national level
 - o Damage Prevention Institute discussing national standards for damage prevention training
 - o Potential for NRCGA to add members to NRCGA's CGA membership so others can use the NRCGA's meeting discount

Next Meeting: September 9