

WESTERN UTILITIES UNDERGROUND ALERT
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Minutes of the October 31, 2024 Meeting.

A meeting of the Western Utilities Underground Alert (DIGS) Board of Directors was held on October 31, 2024, in Pine Grove, California. The meeting began at 10:34 a.m. Board Members present included; Alvin Broglio (by phone), President, Grant Reynolds, Secretary/Treasurer, and Jesse Hampton, Vice and board member Kevin Alleyn. Jesse Hampton called the meeting to order.

- An Agenda was presented and accepted to cover the business of this meeting.
- The minutes of the August 1, 2024 meeting were read and accepted. Kevin Alleyn proposed; Grant Reynolds seconded; Ayes-all, Noes-none.

-The Treasurer's Report for August 1, 2024 was read by Grant Reynolds and accepted. Jesse Hampton proposed; Kevin Alleyn seconded; Ayes-all, Noes-none.

- Correspondence: No correspondence has been received since the last Western Utilities board meeting.

-Website. Alvin is asking someone to see if they can work on this. Alvin will still be working of trying to get the Facebook/Social Media done.

-Training USA was last week and it went well. Hopefully we will have more trainings in the future. Maybe get an excavation training class soon. There was no cost for the food. 811 picked up the bill.

- USA Update:

A lot of time was spent on the budget. Calaveras County was mentioned for damages again. Picked up a new board member from P G & E. Regulatory update has some new member for the safety board. The PUC of Nevada has been speaking at every meeting. He does many updates. He used to be on the 811 board. Nevada is doing a great job on education and damage reports. Marketing and education report was next. The damage percentage is down. The education appears to be working and they will continue the outreach. Goals and progress have been met so far. Tickets are up from last year but below the previous year. Nevada is up by 16% of their best year. Over the last 3 year, there has been double digit budgets. Therefore, this year they were able to agree on a 5.6% increase. We are the third largest by organization behind Texas and West Virginia. Regulation law is having Nevada respond back on the excavator tickets also. This sends a notification out that it is all clear to everyone. The CGA skipped the national update. The finance committee was picked. The 811 board will be having one meeting a year in Nevada. This will be the January 29th meeting. There was an outage on Pelican it lasted about 11 hours in October. Dig Safe board is looking into this to see why this happened. They want to know what the backup plan will be and how this will avoided in the future.

-The next USA board meetings will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 in Nevada, April 23, 2025, July 23, 2025 and October 22, 2025.

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m. The next WUUA board meeting will be held on **January 30, 2025** at 10:30 a.m. at Volcano Telephone in Pine Grove, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

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