

WESTERN UTILITIES UNDERGROUND ALERT
P. O. BOX 1340
PINE GROVE, CA 95665

Minutes of October 23, 2025, Meeting.

A meeting of the Western Utilities Underground Alert (DIGS) Board of Directors was held on October 23, 2025, in Pine Grove, California. The meeting began at 10:32 a.m. Board Members present included Alvin Broglio, Vice President, Grant Reynolds, Secretary/Treasurer and board member Kevin Alleyn. Not present Jesse Hampton, President. Alvin Broglio called the meeting to order.

- An Agenda was presented and accepted to cover the business of this meeting.
- The minutes of July 24, 2025, meeting were read and accepted. Grant Reynold proposed; Kevin Alleyn seconded; Ayes-all, Noes-none.
- The Treasurer's Report for July 24, 2025, was read by Grant Reynolds and accepted. Alvin Broglio proposed; Kevin Alleyn seconded; Ayes-all, Noes-none.
- Correspondence: No correspondence has been received since the last Western Utilities board meeting.
- Training: Hopefully we will have more training in the future. Jesse will look into getting a line locating class. This is on hold for now.
- Talked to Justin about redoing a website for WUUA. It will be hosted by Volcano Telephone Company, and it will list the board members, by laws, and minutes. It will also have a link to 811.
- USA Update: Tickets by type are in the packet under 6A. There is also a damage report, and the biggest reason is for not calling in for locates. Dirt report is 11A and is for damages they are down from 2024. Will not hit the TCGA. They want to put more money into training for less damage. Goals are still on track to be completed for 2025. A couple got postponed to 2026 due to Pelican. Marketing and education have completed 131 activities this year. They were in Bakersfield and had a lot of people show up for the training. Univision gave them a free ad for 3 months. They were at the San Jose soccer team game and had a great turn out there. Underground safety had a roundtable on digging accuracy. 811 submitted some suggestions on accuracy. They want to try and get it down to millimeter accuracy. They wanted this to go to new construction as well as repairs. They were able to eliminate the repairs with 24-inch accuracy or the best obtainable. This was submitted so we will see what will happen. Next meeting will be in November. Nevada PUC was there and is doing an outstanding job in Nevada. If there is damage, they make 2 people go to training. It could be someone from the office to upper management. Not just the ones in the field. Center performance is 11% up on ticket volumes from last year. Financials are on track for the year. There was a budget increase of around 9%. California is the 3rd largest behind Texas and North Carolina in ticket volume. We serve the 4th highest population in the United States. (2 states) This is from Bakersfield up (northern CA) and Nevada. Medical went up 17% so 5% of that will

be passed on to the employees. Insurance is up just like everything else. Before James came on there was no money reserve. James has been there about 7 years now and we now have a reserve of 4.2 million. They want to have approx. 3 months of operating expenses in reserves. It is in a high yield savings account currently. They will not be putting anything in reserves this year so they will take what is left and try and know down the 9% increase. Legislative law and regulations were discussed. They need to hire an IT manager. CA SB254 needs to read page 3. 811 will have to pick up the planning and design aspects for upcoming jobs. Tribe will have to receive notifications of any upcoming jobs. This is still writing and maybe re-worded. PG&E will have to pass on the first \$15B to the investors and the rest can be passed onto the consumers. Trying to slow this down. The budget committee had no replacement cost for anything. So, this has been put into a spread sheet where it will be spread over the next 5 years so that way the cost will not come up all at once. This is for things like vehicles, servers, cell phones, etc. Around the first of the year if you don't send a response Pelican will send you a one-time notice. This is trying to get everyone to respond. On CA tickets there are wording that must be clicked on that states capacity of excavators to complete work. Meaning that you can only submit as many as you can complete. All tickets created are 55% new 49% renewal and 1% remarks. Nevada can submit a 2-time renewal before it must be a remark. CGA is the best practice as Marine, excavating, anchoring, etc. (under water) they are still trying to work on it. PG&E, AT&T, and Comcast are requiring contractors to be DIRT certified or be part of DIRT. GIS collecting data is still coming and is going to be standard.

-The next USA board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next WUUA board meeting will be held on January 29, 2026, at 1:00 a.m. at The Highway House in Jackson, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Oneto

Dorothy Oneto
Recording Secretary
(209) 296-1405