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Title:	History		
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The California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board was created by the Dig Safe Act of 2016 (Chapter 809, Statutes of 2016) to investigate accidents, develop excavation safety standards, and coordinate education and outreach programs.¹ The Board was created within the Office of the State Fire Marshal and held its first meeting in January 2018. In January 2022, the Board transferred to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety pursuant to Senate Bill 865 (Chapter 307, Statutes of 2020), codified in Government Code section 4216.12(a).

¹ Senate Floor concurrence statement of Senator Jerry Hill for SB 661, August 31, 2016, 10:35pm:

“Thank you Madame President. SB 661 revamps the state’s ‘Call-Before-You-Dig’ law for the first time since 1989 and is part of the Governor’s PUC reform package. The bill creates a stakeholder board in charge of investigating accidents, developing excavation safety standards, and coordinating education and outreach programs. SB 661 is the culmination of a multi-year stakeholder process involving gas and electric utilities, telecommunications companies, labor, agriculture, contractors, landscapers, county governments, petroleum companies, and others. I respectfully ask for your ‘aye’ vote members. Thank you.”

Monitoring Method: Board
Frequency: Biennial