

ACE : Empowering Farmers & Growers



OVERVIEW

- Underground Safety Board
- Government Code 4216 “Dig Safe” law
- SB 661 creates the **Area of Continual Excavation (ACE)** ticket for Farmers
- Board onsite meeting regulations address Farmers issue with depth



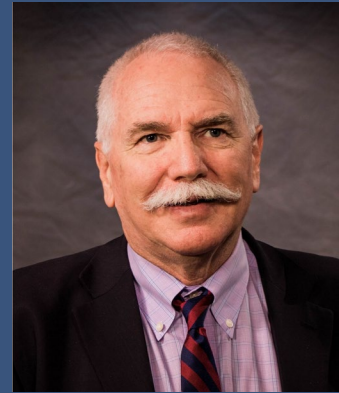
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Dig Safe Law is Wide-Ranging

“**Excavation**” means any operation in which earth, rock, or other material in the ground is moved, removed, or otherwise displaced by means of tools, equipment, or explosives in any of the following ways: grading, trenching, digging, ditching, drilling, augering, tunneling, scraping, cable or pipe plowing and driving, or any other way. (§ 4216(g).)



What is an ACE Ticket?

- Special dig ticket available only to farmers, growers, and certain flood control operators.
- Can only be used for everyday agricultural practices like tilling, discing, cultivating, planting, harvesting, etc.
- Can be requested any time of year and **is valid for one year** from date of issuance.



ACE Benefits

- Designed specifically for the Agriculture industry
- Utilities inform you where they have buried lines
- Documentation protects you in the event of an accident
- The ACE ticket is good for one year



Onsite Meetings

- Required if work within 10 feet of gas transmission or petroleum pipeline, optional otherwise
- Excavator representative must have knowledge of the excavation activities
- Operator representative must have knowledge of the infrastructure location
- Both must have authority to sign agreement
- Depth Clause: If the operator and excavator disagree about the exact location, operator may rebut by offering documentation or potholing

How to create an ACE

Step 1: Request a Ticket

- usanorth811.org (NorCal)
- digalert.org (SoCal)



Step 2: Delineate boundaries of work area in white

Step 3: Wait two days for facility owners to contact you and mark the area

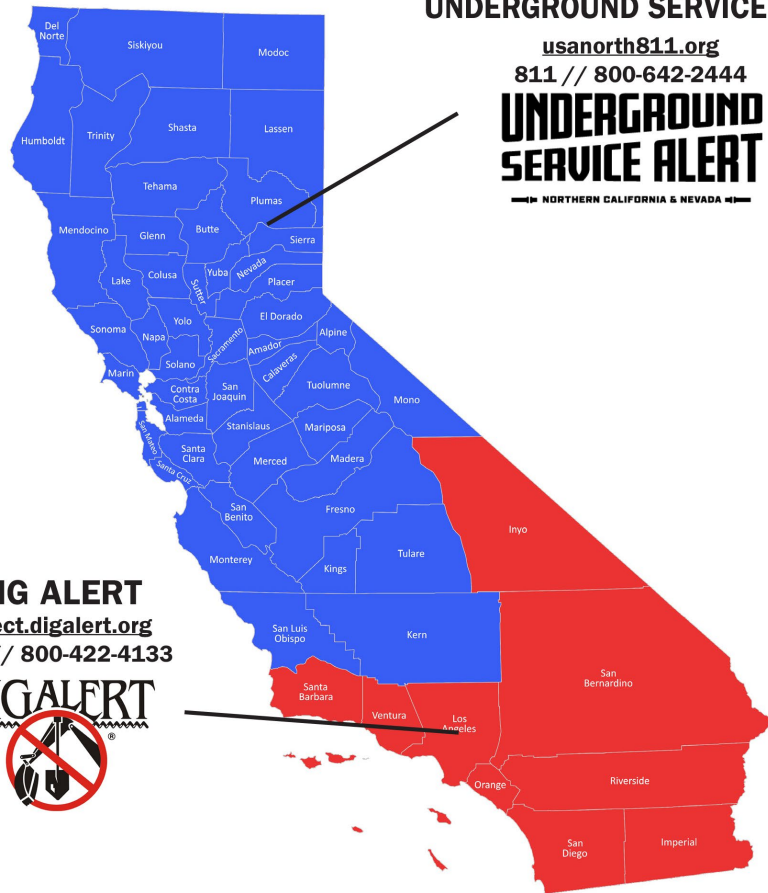
Step 4: Have an onsite meeting then you are ready to go!



California Call Centers

UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT
usanorth811.org
811 // 800-642-2444
UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA & NEVADA

DIG ALERT
direct.digalert.org
811 // 800-422-4133
DIGALERT



Field Templates



AREA OF CONTINUAL EXCAVATION AGREEMENT AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

(Government Code section 4216.10 and California Code of Regulations, title 19, sections 4300-4302)
This Agreement must be completed legibly in ink or typed. Signatures must be handwritten in ink.

Excavator ("Farm Owner/Lessee") and Operator ("Utility Owner") with assets located in Farm Owner's/Lessee's property are required to complete this Area of Continual Excavation Agreement – Agricultural Operations (Form No. ACE Agreement 01 (07-01-2020)) ("Agreement") for a Continual Excavation Ticket for farming activities involving excavation within 10 feet of the Utility Owner's **high priority subsurface installation** ("Utility"). Farming activities described in this Agreement may be performed up to one year after the Farm Owner/Lessee obtains a Continual Excavation Ticket, which may be renewed within two (2) working days by calling "811" or accessing the regional notification center's ("one-call center") website. This Agreement applies to only **ONE** Utility Owner. Other Utilities may be present on the property, and a separate Area of Continual Excavation Agreement – Agricultural Operations (Form No. ACE Agreement 01 (07-01-2020)) is required with each Utility Owner.

CONTINUAL EXCAVATION TICKET NUMBER: _____

DATE OF ONSITE MEETING: _____

TIME OF ONSITE MEETING: _____

LOCATION: _____
(Parcel number, GPS Coordinates, or Description)

FARM OWNER/LESSEE: _____

FARM OWNER/LESSEE REPRESENTATIVE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

UTILITY OWNER: _____

OWNER REPRESENTATIVE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

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UTILITY DESCRIPTION:

Size, Materials, Operating Pressures, etc.

UTILITY LOCATION:

Utility Owner must provide information to assist in verifying the location of the Utility.

FARM OPERATION DESCRIPTION:

Describe all farming activities involving excavation that may be conducted within 25 feet of each side of the Utility, including method, tools and equipment, depth of excavation, subcontractors (if any), etc.

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REQUIRED CHECKLIST:

Onsite Meeting	Onsite Meeting between Farm Owner/Lessee and Utility Owner (onsite meeting must include the 1) Utility Owner's authorized representative with knowledge of the location of the Utilities, and authority to develop and sign this Agreement, such as a superintendent, supervisor, or engineer; and 2) Farm Owner/Lessee or Farm Owner's/Lessee's authorized representative with knowledge of the farming activities involving excavation that will occur in the area of continual excavation during the year, and authority to develop and sign this Agreement). Discussion and agreed terms and conditions must be documented in this Agreement.
Signature & Distribution	Farm Owner/Lessee and Utility Owner sign this Agreement and copies are distributed to both parties.

This Agreement applies only to the farming activities documented in this Agreement. Any deviating activities such as work requiring greater excavation depth or other tools or equipment are beyond the scope of this Agreement. All work outside the scope of this Agreement require separate Tickets and shall be performed in accordance with Government Code section 4216 et seq.

Each party will notify the other of any unexpected occurrences (ex., fire, flood, earthquake or other soil/geologic movement, riot, accident, sabotage, damage to Utility requiring immediate repair) or excavation activities that may be in conflict with the Utility. The Farm Owner/Lessee shall notify the one-call center of any damage to the Utility in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 19, section 4100.

Prior to conducting farming activities described in this Agreement, Farm Owner/Lessee will communicate information about the terms and conditions under this Agreement to all workers, including any subcontractors, who perform excavation work in the area of continual excavation.

FARM OWNER/LESSEE:

Signature	Name	Title	Date

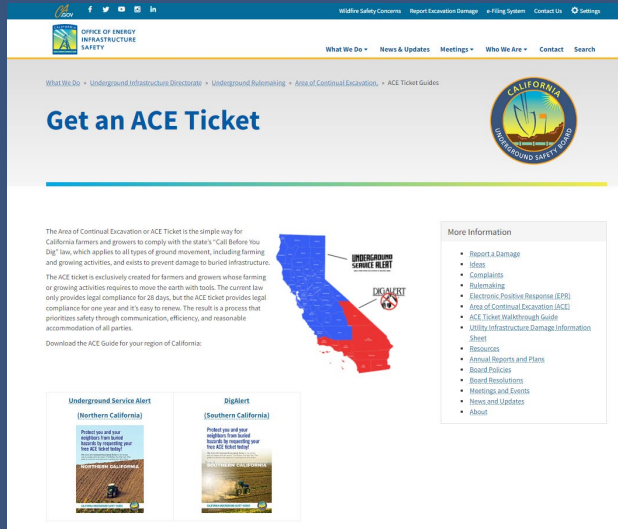
UTILITY OWNER:

Signature	Name	Title	Date

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ACE Ticket Resources



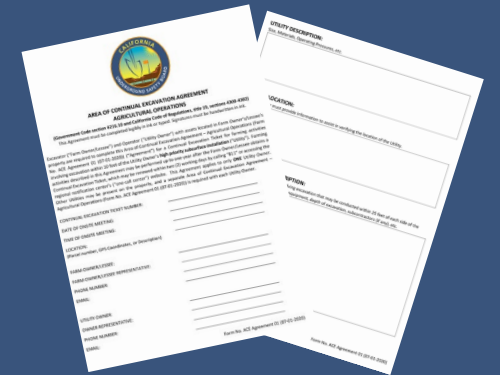
energysafety.ca.gov/ACE



ACE Guides



Contact Info



ACE Forms

