



# 2019 DIG SAFE BOARD EDUCATION & OUTREACH REPORT

Second Annual Education & Outreach Meeting  
September 10, 2019  
Los Angeles, California



# Objectives



- Provide an overview of the Board's work to create awareness since its last Education & Outreach Meeting
- Discuss upcoming Board engagement opportunities



# 2019 Board Engagement



- Materials & Publications
- Regulation & Standards Development Outreach
- Presentations, Meetings, and Forums
- Events and Exercises



# Materials & Publications



## Annual Reports & Plans

- 2018 Results Report
- 2019 Plan
- Second Annual Report to the Governor & Legislature

*\*Distributed to Stakeholders, the Legislature, the Governor, CAL FIRE Executives, Department of Finance, and the Public.*





# Materials & Publications



## Fee Implementation

- 2019 Cost Report
- Fee FAQs Sheet



### Dig Safe Board Fee Regulation Frequently Asked Questions

- Q.** Who is the Dig Safe Board?
- A.** We are a new regulatory and investigatory Board created to improve public and worker safety in California. We were created by the Dig Safe Act of 2006, following two deadly explosions in California's Central Valley in 2005. We are responsible for coordinating the state's education, developing safety standards, investigating dig-in accidents, enforcing violations of the Dig Safe Law, and making enforcement recommendations to the Contractors State License Board, the Public Utilities Commission, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
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- Q.** Why does it say Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board and Dig Safe Board on my invoice? Are they different agencies?
- A.** No. The Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board is our official name, but we chose to create an informal title, "The Dig Safe Board", in an effort to ensure name recognition and maintain that recognition among our stakeholders and the public.
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- Q.** What is this fee for?
- A.** It's a new state regulatory fee that will be used to fund the Dig Safe Board's daily operations. Government Code 4216.16 (b) authorizes the Board to levy this fee on the members of California's one call centers using the same method the one call centers use to fund their operations. Both USA North 811 and DigAlert charge members a fee based on the number of locate requests those members receive each year.

*\*Distributed to One-Call Center Members required to pay the Board's fee.*



# Materials & Publications



### EXCAVATION SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR WILDFIRE CLEANUP

Removing debris from wildfire disaster zones can be dangerous work. Employees face several hazards even after the flames have been extinguished, including the underground infrastructure that may be buried beneath a worksite. Digging with an excavator or other equipment to remove wildfire debris presents the risk of hitting and damaging subsurface installations like natural gas, petroleum, electricity, water, sewer, and telecommunications facilities which may cause a fire, explosion, electric shock, or the release of toxic materials.

It is important for anyone excavating in a wildfire disaster zone to be aware of California's safe digging laws, and the actions that need to be taken to ensure everyone is working safely around buried infrastructure.

#### DELINEATE THE WORK AREA PRIOR TO CALLING 811.

Prior to calling 811, excavators must mark the work zone using white spray chalk, water based UV paint, flags, stakes, or whisks. This informs the utility operators where the proposed work will take place so they can locate and mark the underground facilities present.

#### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG.

California's safe digging law always applies, regardless of whether disaster cleanup is happening. Before any excavation can begin, the locations of all underground infrastructure in the work zone must be determined. At least two business days before work begins, excavators must notify the appropriate regional notification center of the proposed work. You can do that by contacting the following organizations, either online or over the phone:

##### Northern California

USA North 811  
Phone: 811  
Website: <http://isanorth811.org>

##### Southern California

DigAlert  
Phone: 811  
Website: <http://www.digalert.org>

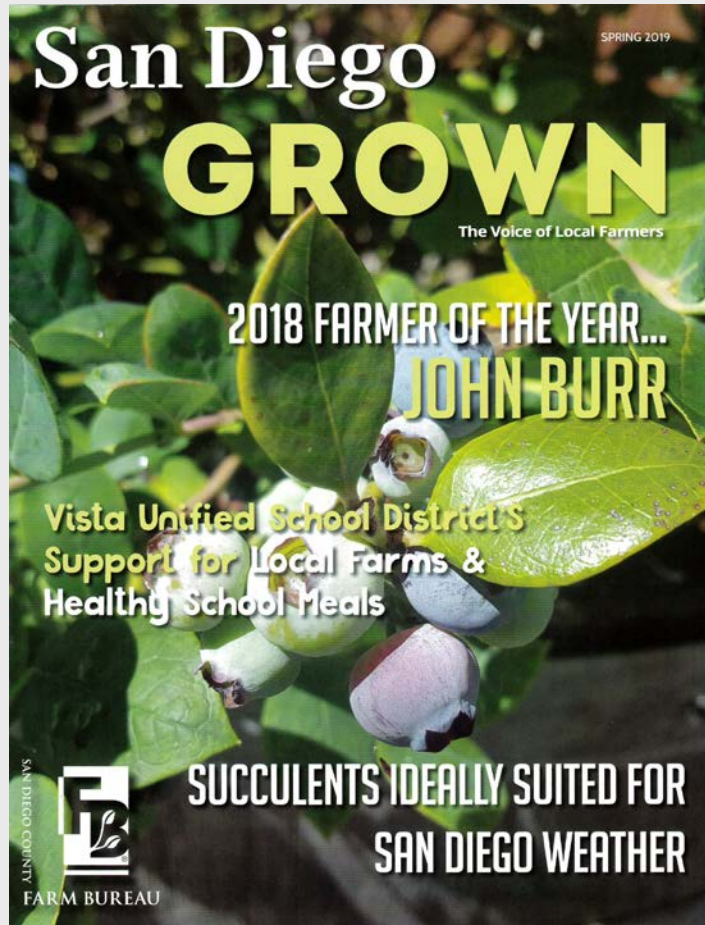
## Disaster Clean-Up Response

- Paradise Clean-Up Fact Sheet
- General Wildfire Clean-Up Fact Sheet

*\*Distributed to CalRecycle, Cal/OSHA,  
Contractors State License Board*



# Materials & Publications



## San Diego Co. Farm Bureau Magazine

- Article Discussed ACE Regulation Development

*\*Distributed to San Diego County Farm Bureau Members*





# Materials & Publications



- O Magazine
- Entrepreneur Magazine
- American Society of Safety Professionals Journal

*\*Articles featured interviews with Member Del Toro where she discussed the Board and its mission*





# Regulation & Standards Development



## Fee Levied on Members of the One-Call Centers:

- Informational Webinar
- One-Call Center Billing Notices
- Annual Cost Report
- Fee FAQs Sheet



# Regulation & Standards Development



## Area of Continual Excavation:

- Bakersfield Workshop
- Operator Outreach
- Onsite Meeting Surveys
- Farm Bureau Presentations
- One-Call Center-Farmer Renewal Ticket Formatting Outreach



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## Implementation of AB 1914:

- Excavator and Utility Owner Surveys
- Sacramento Workshop





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## Reasonable Care Standards:

- CARCGA SSIP Committee Discussions
- Sacramento Workshop



# Presentations, Meetings & Forums



- 2018 Office of the State Fire Marshal Pipeline Safety Seminar
- Associated General Contractors Legislative Summit
- Utility Public Safety Alliance Regional Meeting



# Presentations, Meetings & Forums



- Santa Ana River Basin Section of California Water Environment Association
- 2019 Safety Symposium in Sacramento
- 2019 OSFM Pipeline Safety Seminar
- Kern Co. Farm Bureau Meeting





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## 2019 Spring Open Forum:

- Discussed in San Francisco
- Asked Participants:
  - Big Issues the Board Needs to Address
  - Questions Regarding Everyday Work Practices



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- 2019 National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives Western Region Conference
- Underground Economy Task Force Meeting

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# Presentations, Meetings & Forums







# Events & Exercises



- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Contractor's Legislative Day
- Sacramento Regional Builder's Exchange Expo
- United Contractors Scholarship Cornhole Tournament
- SMUD 2019 Gas Pipeline Exercise



# Events & Exercises



- DigAlert-SDG&E Safety Awareness Event in Escondido
- USA North 811 Safety Breakfast in Bakersfield



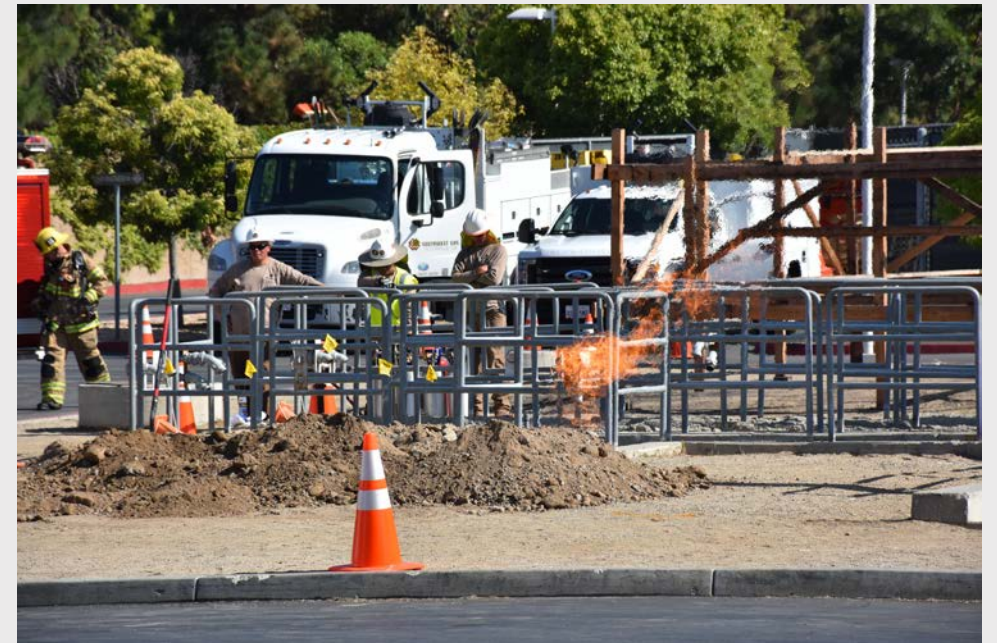


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### CARCGA Mock-Strike Demonstrations



April 2018 & 2019 in Sacramento

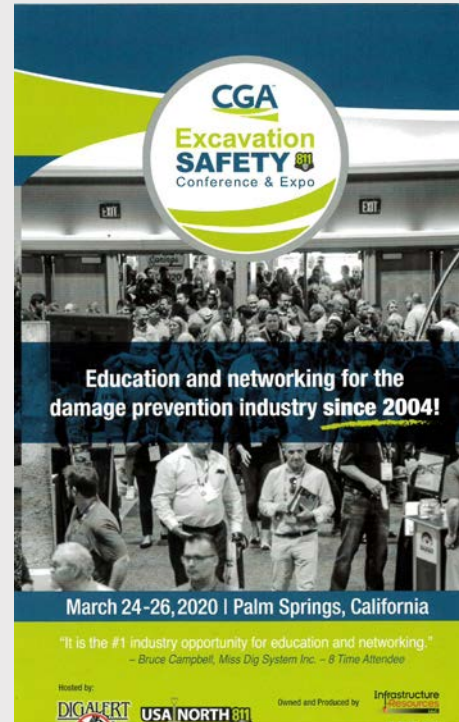


August 2019 in Irvine





# Future Engagement Opportunities



- dp-PRO Article
- Excavation Safety Guide Article
- 2020 CGA Excavation Safety Conference & Expo



# Future Engagement Opportunities



- Annual Reports and Plans
  - Strategic Plan
  - 2019 Results Report
  - 2020 Plan
  - Third Annual Report to the Governor & Legislature
- Regulation Implementation
  - Area of Continual Excavation
  - Investigations & Enforcement
  - Reasonable Care Standards
  - AB 1914 Implementation



# Future Engagement Opportunities



- Future Board Meetings
- 2020 Spring Open Forum
- 2020 Education & Outreach Meeting



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