**CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND SAFETY BOARD**
**ANNUAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH MEETING**

# ATTENDEE GUIDE

September 14, 2026 ⟶

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## About the Event

The Underground Safety Board's 2026 Education and Outreach Meeting is a free public event focused on excavation safety and damage prevention education.

The Board holds an annual Education and Outreach Meeting to understand the existing needs for education and outreach and to facilitate discussion on how to coordinate existing education and outreach efforts with state and local government agencies, California operators, regional notification centers, and trade associations to encourage safe excavation practices.

## Additional Information

Check In
If attending in person, please check in at the registration table upon arrival.

Parking near the California Natural Resources Agency building
Parking is available at local garages or on the street near and around the California Natural Resources Agency building. Parking fees may be required. It is recommended that you arrive early to find parking and allow time to check in for the event.

Refreshments and Meals
Refreshments and meals will be available to purchase in the California Natural Resources Agency building, which features three restaurants, a convenience store, and microwave ovens that are available for public use. Water fountains and fill stations are available in the building.

Several dining options are also available near the building.

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### MORNING

#### REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITOR TABLES OPEN — 8:00 AM

Sign in and get your name tag, then explore our participating exhibitor tables. Find more information on pages 8-10 of this guide.

#### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS — 9:00 AM

The 2026 Education and Outreach Meeting will kick off with an overview of the Board and its mission to improve public and worker safety, followed by opening remarks from Underground Safety Board Executive Officer Brittny Branaman.

#### INDUSTRY PANEL – EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND ITS IMPACT ON DAMAGE PREVENTION — 9:15 AM

This industry panel discussion will explore how technology is influencing what is possible today, what will be possible tomorrow, and what a more connected future means for damage prevention.

Panelists:
April Mitchell, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, Norfield
Duane Rodgers, Chief Executive Officer, PelicanCorp
Adam Zeciri, Founder, SubT & Locating Dynamics

#### NETWORKING AND EXHIBITOR TABLE BREAK — 10:15 AM

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### EVERY SAFE DIG BEGINS WITH 811: SHARED RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4216 — 10:30 AM

Subsurface installations connect us all, and safe digging depends on excavators and operators following every step of the 811 process. Adrian Anaya, Jeff McClenahan, and Chrystal Williams, Senior Policy Investigators at the Underground Safety Board, will highlight common breakdowns in the 811 process. Using examples of investigations, this session shows how these gaps lead to preventable damages and how stronger communication and compliance keep everyone safe.

### WE'RE ALL CONNECTED UNDERGROUND: ADVANCING STATEWIDE EXCAVATION SAFETY — 10:55 AM

Alexandra Augér, Education and Outreach Ambassador, will review the Underground Safety Board's statewide education and outreach efforts and how they address excavation safety risks and expand access to safety resources. Attendees will hear about the development of a public safety awareness campaign focused on preventing excavation without a USA ticket and learn how to access an online education course designed to increase safe digging knowledge.

### 811 NOTIFICATION CENTER UPDATE — 11:20 AM

Ann Diamond, President at DigAlert, and James Wingate, Executive Director at USA North 811, will provide updates, including their education and outreach activities.

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### LUNCH AND EXHIBITOR TABLE BREAK — 11:50 AM

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## AFTERNOON

### INSURANCE RISKS & LEADING CAUSES OF LOSS — 1:30 PM

Jamie Mantzouranis, Senior Loss Control, Alliant Insurance Services, will present on industry data, including the Common Ground Alliance 2025 DIRT Data Summary & Trends, to identify the leading causes of loss, as well as touching on General Liability Insurance and Essential Policy Endorsements.

### CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION: REGULATORY UPDATES — 1:50 PM

Terence Eng, Program Manager, Gas Safety and Reliability Branch at California Public Utilities Commission, will provide an overview of recent enforcement actions and program initiatives relevant to subsurface installation and excavation industries, and will also share CPUC's approach to damage prevention and public awareness, highlighting key takeaways for stakeholders seeking to enhance safety and compliance.

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### CO2 TRANSPORTATION BY PIPELINE — 2:05 PM

Alin Podoreanu, Supervising Pipeline Safety Engineer at CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal, will provide an overview of transportation of carbon dioxide by pipelines, regulations governing safe transportation of carbon dioxide in California, and lessons learned from the carbon dioxide pipeline rupture near Satartia, Mississippi.

### UNDERSTANDING CHANGES THAT IMPACT YOUR WORK: UNDERGROUND SAFETY BOARD REGULATORY UPDATES — 2:25 PM

Jessica Rzeszut, Chief of Education & Outreach, will provide an overview of recent changes to the law that have a statewide impact on excavators, utility operators, and the excavation industry. Attendees will learn about changes to the Dig Safe Act of 2016 (Government Code sections 4216 – 4216.24) and the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Section 4003, and get information on how to access resources that will help them stay compliant.

### NETWORKING AND EXHIBITOR TABLE BREAK — 2:40 PM

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### GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY — 3:00 PM

Experts from Esri will provide an overview of geographic information system (GIS) tools and applications for underground damage prevention.

### RESOURCES TO TAKE ACTION AND OPPORTUNITIES TO BE HEARD — 4:00 PM

Alexandra Augér, Education and Outreach Ambassador, will share how to access and navigate the Underground Safety Board's resources, processes, and participation opportunities. Attendees will learn where to find information and educational materials, how to submit a damage notification or complaint, and how to provide input that can help inform the Board's work.

### CLOSING REMARKS — 4:10 PM

*The presentations, ideas, and products shared during this event are for informational purposes only and do not necessarily represent the official policies or positions of the Underground Safety Board or the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Board/Office). No endorsement or recommendation of any product, service, or viewpoint is implied. The Board/Office makes no representations or warranties as to the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information provided. This material does not constitute legal advice; participants should consult their own legal and compliance teams for guidance.*

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Whether you're attending in person or joining us virtually, you can connect with the organizations and businesses participating as exhibitors this year.

CARCGA
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR EXCAVATION SAFETY

The California Regional Common Ground Alliance (CARCGA) is a 501(c)(6) non-profit mutual benefit corporation dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services by promoting effective underground damage prevention practices in California. CARCGA was incorporated in 2016 and boasts participation from a variety of industries involved in underground damage prevention. Join CARCGA as a Stakeholder or Associate Member.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**: Visit https://carcga.org/ or email info@carcga.org to learn more.

NORFIELD

Our next generation technology platform is focused on one call services, ticket management, mapping & GIS, excavation services, continuous intelligence (CI), artificial intelligence (AI), analytics and reporting. Using our software is seamless, straightforward, and scalable, making it the perfect addition to your business. We have fully integrated with a host of top-tier technology partners. We deliver an end-to-end offering with robust features that simply can't be beaten. Safety is our mission. Will you join us on our journey to revolutionize the damage prevention industry?

**CONTACT INFORMATION**: Learn more at https://norfielddp.com/ or email info@norfielddp.com to learn more.

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PelicanCorp is the Global Leader in Damage Prevention Solutions built specifically for the protection of essential infrastructure. PelicanCorp connects people, applications, and devices through a unified platform to help industry professionals manage risk and build quality projects—safely, on time, and within budget. PelicanCorp has a diversified business model built on 40 years of experience protecting billions of dollars of global assets. PelicanCorp is headquartered in Irvine, California, with offices and operations around the globe.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**: Learn more at www.PelicanCorp.com or follow PelicanCorp on LinkedIn

RUST-OLEUM

Rust-Oleum Professional Inverted Marking Paints are durable, fast-drying aerosol paints designed for high-visibility marking on grass, gravel, concrete, asphalt, and soil. Ideal for utility locating, construction, landscaping, surveying, and athletic field layout. Rust-Oleum also offers many industrial coatings products and industrial cleaners. We are happy to provide product recommendations based on your specific needs.

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SubT: Utility consulting. End-to-end utility solutions serving the Renewable Energy Sector, Electric, Oil & Gas, Pipelines, Water & Sewer and Communications markets. From Production, Transmission to Distribution. Compliance Training, Certification, Operator Qualifications & Public and Private Utility Locating Services.

Locating Dynamics: Utility locating and mapping training. NULCA Accredited Utility Locator Training & Certification for EM, GPR, Acoustic, RTK and Drone Data Capture. GIAM: Commercial drone services for utilities, surveyors, engineers and contractors. LiDAR, photogrammetry, thermal inspection and digital twins.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**: https://www.Sub-T.co

USA North is the 811 notification center for Northern and Central California. We provide advance notice to utility operators of planned excavation projects happening in our service area. The free service helps excavators dig safely and prevent damage to underground utilities.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**: usanorth811.org

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# Keep the conversation going!

Download the "My Top Takeaways" graphic and post on your social media to share what you learned about excavation safety and damage prevention.




Scan the QR code to access this post-event recap graphic for LinkedIn or Instagram

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