California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board

Earthwork and Road Construction Standards Workshop - July 21, 2021
Text Comment Submissions

Name	Comment
Fernando Lopez	Will this be recorded and shared?
Peter Petro	Hire a utility locating contractor
Jason Dennis	Going to give this a try... question #1 - post markout we walk the area of excavation and visually inspect the markings and all existing visible facilities.
Erich Metzger	CalTrans and municipalities are the worst to deal with. hard to get their help locating loops. But their great at sending bills, for the repairs.
Steve Cleaver	It may be helpful to establish some clarity around definitions. Because the items described in the question are visible from the surface and/or embedded in the pavement by design, asking a question about "shallow" facilities may be interpreted as something that is "in the ground" and below the pavement layer. Because pavement is not "in the ground" as identified in the definition of excavation, but a covering over the ground, I'm not sure this group considers these shallow facilities, but embedded facilities. I would be interested to know if the road builders who request USA tickets for pavement grinding work only that does not extend below the AC layer pothole these facilities first. It would be a good discussion to know if the group here interpret this similarly or approach this differently. No bias intended in my question. Interested to hear how companies do this work.
Kevin Smudrick	It would be a great idea to hold utility companys accountable to identify the number of lines present when with the utility locate marks.
Shalena Smith	Call Dig Alert
Matt Dessel	Submit USA
Peter Petro	Generate a USA ticket and have the utility mark out
Chauncy Roehrs	Obtain a USA dig ticket and proceed accordingly
David Garza	Audio difficulty. Just wanted to state that policies are updated in light of advances in technology.
Bill Bryant	I don't have a mic, but just wanted to mention that I loved the comment that the safety programs are a "living document." Also want to add that there should be a project wrap up including a "lessons learned" section.