



Notice and Agenda

Underground Safety Board

Education and Outreach Meeting

September 14, 2026

(Remote and In-Person)

SACRAMENTO, CA - The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety) Underground Safety Board (Board) will hold an in-person public meeting with remote access on September 14, 2026, 9 a.m., in Sacramento.

The meeting will be held in the Auditorium and Lobby on the first floor at the California Natural Resources Agency, 715 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814, and via Microsoft Teams.

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.

There will be an opportunity for public comment on each item. Members of the public, stakeholders, local and regional agencies, boards, tribes, and commissions are invited to join us.

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Meeting Information:
Monday, September 14, 2026
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Auditorium and Lobby, 1st Floor
California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**
- 3. Information Item: Welcome and Opening Remarks**

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.

- 4. Information Item: Industry Panel – Emerging Technology and its Impact on Damage Prevention**

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



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5. Information Item: Every Safe Dig Begins with 811: Shared Responsibility of Government Code Section 4216

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.

6. Information Item: We're All Connected Underground: Advancing Statewide Excavation Safety

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.

7. Information Item: 811 Notification Center Update

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

8. Information Item: Insurance Risks and Leading Causes of Loss

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.

9. Information Item: California Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Updates

Terence Eng, Program Manager, Gas Safety and Reliability Branch at the California Public Utilities Commission, will provide an overview of recent enforcement actions and program initiatives relevant to subsurface installation and excavation industries. They'll also share CPUC's approach to damage prevention and public





awareness, highlighting key takeaways for stakeholders seeking to enhance safety and compliance.

10. Information Item: CO2 Transportation by Pipeline

Alin Podoreanu, Supervising Pipeline Safety Engineer at CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal, will present 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.

11. Information Item: Understanding Changes that Impact Your Work: Underground Safety Board Regulatory Updates

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.

12. Information Item: Geographic Information System Technology

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

13. Information Item: Resources to Take Action and Opportunities to be Heard

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.

14. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

NOTE: Items designated for information are appropriate for Board action if the Board chooses to take action. Items may be taken out of order. The Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during the public comment period, except to decide whether to place the matter on the notice and agenda of a future Board meeting.





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Contact Information

Those requiring further information regarding this public meeting may contact the Underground Safety Board and Energy Safety staff at digboard@energysafety.ca.gov, (916) 902-6000, or at the address below:

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Public Comment Instructions

The Underground Safety Board welcomes comment at its public meetings and appreciates listening to a wide range of viewpoints that reflect the diversity of California. Please note that comments and materials received as public comment will, in full, become part of the public record.

- Submitting written comment before a meeting:
 - Members of the public may submit comments in writing before any public meeting by sending them to digboard@energysafety.ca.gov.
 - To allow sufficient time for the Board to receive and review written comments, please submit your comments by 5:00 P.M. the Friday before the start of the meeting. Comments submitted after this time may not be received by the Board prior to the meeting but will be distributed to the Board as soon as staff time allows.

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