



Underground Safety Board Coordinated Statewide Education and Outreach Workshop

Notice and Agenda January 16, 2025

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Public Workshop Announcement

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) Underground Safety Board (Board) will hold a public workshop with stakeholders to better understand training issues from different perspectives in the call-before-you-dig process. The workshop (in-person and virtual) will be held at the California Natural Resources Agency Building, 715 P Street, Sacramento, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

California Government Code subsection 4216.12(b)(1) requires the Board to coordinate education and outreach activities that encourage safe excavation practices. We listened to your call for more opportunities to collaborate and connect. We're excited to bring you a workshop designed for **excavators and operators** to come together, share insights, and foster **long-term collaboration**.

Thursday, January 16, 2025 | 9 – 11:30 a.m.
California Natural Resources Agency Building
Room 2-302B
715 P St
Sacramento, CA 95814



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AGENDA

1. Welcoming Remarks

The Education and Outreach Committee seeks input on coordinated statewide education and outreach activities that encourage safe excavation practices.

2. Discussion: Common Causes of Underground Infrastructure Damage

The Common Ground Alliance (CGA) 2023 Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) lists the six most common causes of underground infrastructure damage at the national level.

- Are these the top damages reflected in excavation projects within California or are there other types of causes that need to be included?

3. Discussion: Effectiveness of Current Excavation Safety Training

- What types of excavation safety training is being delivered or received?
- What types of excavation safety have been effective or ineffective?
- What are possible reasons why the training is effective or ineffective?

4. Discussion: Access to Excavation Safety Training

- Are there specific challenges or obstacles to obtaining access to excavation safety training?
- What are the possible reasons for these challenges or obstacles?

5. Discussion: Coordination of Best Practice Between Stakeholders

- What additional resources or tools would enhance the effectiveness of implementing best practices in excavation safety training?
- How can those best practices be consistently coordinated between stakeholders?



6. Discussion: Areas for Improvement in Excavation Safety Training

- What recent incidents or near-misses have highlighted areas for improvement in excavation safety training, and what can we learn from them?

7. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Remote Attendance

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [Energy Safety E-Filing](#), Docket Name [Docket 2025-01-16-WS Coordinated Statewide Education and Outreach Workshop](#). This notice and instruction on how to join the meeting will also be posted on [Energy Safety's Upcoming Workshops page](#).

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 by writing to the address below:

Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
715 P Street, 15th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

This public meeting notice is also available in electronic format on the [meeting page](#) of Energy Safety's website.

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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