



CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND SAFETY BOARD INVESTIGATION DIVISION

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Date: December 30, 2024

Case No.: C241690007

Violations:

Washburn Grove Management (Member code WASHBURN)

Government Code § 4216.1:

Every operator of a subsurface installation, shall participate in, and share in the costs of, a regional notification center, except the Department of Transportation.

Executive Summary:

On June 5, 2024, the California Underground Safety Board received termination notification email from Jim Schwilk, Vice President, with the Underground Service Alert of Southern California (DigAlert). The notification stated that on June 5, 2024, Washburn Grove Management, Inc. canceled its membership as an operator with DigAlert.

Reporting Party Information:

Underground Service Alert of Southern California
P.O. Box 77070
Corona, California 92877

Date of Incident:

June 5, 2024

Location of the Incident:

None

Operator:

Washburn Grove Management, Inc.
Regional Notification Center Member Code WASHBURN
27781 Fairview Avenue
Hemet, California 92544

Facility Types Damaged:

None

Investigation:

Notification of Termination

On June 5, 2024, Underground Service Alert of Southern California (DigAlert) submitted a notification of termination stating:

“REFERENCE #16519385

STATUS

COMPLETE

REASON FOR CANCELLING MEMBERSHIP

NOT AN OPERATOR OF SUBSURFACE INSTALLATIONS

**ARE YOU SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND FACILITIES SAFE
EXCAVATION BOARD (UNDERGROUND SAFETY BOARD) FEE (CALIFORNIA
CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 19 DIVISION 4 SECTION 4010). IN OTHER
WORDS, DID YOUR ENTITY RECEIVE 500 OR MORE NEW LOCATE REQUEST
TRANSMISSIONS ('TICKETS') DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR - BILLED
FROM JULY 1 TO JUNE 30 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR?**

NO

MEMBER CODE

WASHBURN

COMPANY NAME

WASHBURN GROVE MGMT

FEDERAL TAX ID

[REDACTED]

ADDRESS

27781 FAIRVIEW AVENUE CITY HEMET STATE CA ZIP 92544

CONTACT NAME

DENNIS R WASHBURN

EMAIL ADDRESS

GROVEMGMT@AOL.COM (Exh. 1.)”

The case was assigned to Investigator Amy Morford (Investigator).

Identity of the Operator

Government Code section 4216(o) defines an operator to be “any person, corporation, partnership, business trust, public agency, or other entity that owns, operates, or maintains a subsurface installation.”

Washburn Grove Management, Inc. (Washburn Grove Management) operates an eight-inch irrigation pipe located under Marshall Street in Hemet, California. Dennis Washburn is the agent of service of process for Washburn Grove Management. (Exhs. 2, 3.)

Washburn Grove Management, Inc.'s Operates a Subsurface Pressurized Irrigation Pipe

Government Code section 4216(s) defines a subsurface installation as any underground pipeline, conduit, duct, wire, or other structure, except nonpressurized sewerlines, nonpressurized storm drains, or other nonpressurized drain lines.

Washburn Grove Management has one subsurface installation, an eight-inch irrigation pipe inside a twelve-inch pipe, located under Marshall Street in Hemet, California. The pipeline is used exclusively for irrigation on private property (citrus grove) and cannot be accessed without the operator's knowledge. (Exhs. 3, 4.)

On November 8, 2024, Investigator contacted Dennis Washburn, via phone, with follow-up questions. Mr. Washburn confirmed that the pipe under Marshall Street has pressurized water pumped through it. (Exh. 3.)

Investigator asked Mr. Washburn to estimate the length of the pipe under Marshall Road and the pressure running through the pipe. Mr. Washburn replied that the length of the pipe under the road was about sixty feet with about thirty to forty pounds of pressure. (Exh. 3.)

Washburn Grove Management, Inc.'s Termination of Membership

Government Code section 4216.1 states "every operator of a subsurface installation, except the Department of Transportation, shall become a member of, participate in, and share in the costs of, a regional notification center."

On November 5, 2024, Investigator interviewed, via phone, Dennis Washburn of Washburn Grove Management, regarding the membership termination with DigAlert, effective June 5, 2024. (Exh. 4.)

In summary, Mr. Washburn told Investigator that Washburn Grove Management joined DigAlert as an operator eight years ago because a pipeline was placed underneath a road. Washburn Grove Management has not sold its property or the subsurface installation. Washburn Grove Management has terminated their membership as they "[...] no use for them. I don't need them anymore. They've been bugging me for years, and I'll explain to you what I already explained to them. We did it so we wouldn't have to worry about the road. That's why we put the eight-inch inside the 12-inch line and ran it out of our property, so if it ever did leak, it wouldn't damage the road." (Exh. 4.)

On November 22, 2024, Investigator received ticket transmission information via email from Amber Dahl, Safety Awareness Director of DigAlert. In 2023, Washburn Grove Management received four new tickets and four renewal tickets. As of November 22, 2024, no DigAlert tickets had been transmitted to Washburn Grove Management during 2024. (Exh. 5.)

Findings:

1. Washburn Grove Management (Member code WASHBURN) is an operator of a subsurface installation and is required to participate in and share in the costs of a regional notification center.

Investigator	Supervisor
Amy Morford	Anona Bonner
Signature	Signature
Amy Morford	Anona Bonner

Exhibit List:

Exhibit No.	Description	Date	Received From
1.	Washburn Grove Management Termination Email Notification and Announcement Letter	Emailed on 06/05/2024	Jim Schwilk, Vice President DigAlert
2.	California Secretary of State Screen Capture	01/07/2025	California Secretary of State Website
3.	Summary of Telephone Interview with Operator Dennis Washburn Prepared by Amy Morford	Telephone Interview Conducted by Amy Morford on 11/08/2024	
4.	Summary of Telephone Interview with Operator Dennis Washburn Prepared by Amy Morford	Telephone Interview Conducted by Amy Morford on 11/05/2024	
5.	Email Communications on Locate Requests for Washburn Grove Management during 2023 and 2024	Emails between 11/21/24 and 11/22/2024	Amber Dahl Safety Awareness Director DigAlert

Exhibit 1

From: [Marino, Tony@EnergySafety](mailto:Marino.Tony@EnergySafety)
To: [Branaman, Brittney@EnergySafety](mailto:Branaman.Brittney@EnergySafety); [Bonner, Anona@EnergySafety](mailto:Bonner.Anona@EnergySafety); [Wynn, Tiffany@EnergySafety](mailto:Wynn.Tiffany@EnergySafety); [Riggle, Amber@EnergySafety](mailto:Riggle.Amber@EnergySafety); [Harrington, Robin@EnergySafety](mailto:Harrington.Robin@EnergySafety)
Subject: FW: Member Cancellation Result #16519385
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 2:07:28 PM
Attachments: [2024 Member WASHBURN Termination.pdf](#)

FYI DigAlert member termination survey result below, w/ letter to Board attached.

From: Jim Schwilk <jim@digalert.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 1:59 PM
To: Marino, Tony@EnergySafety <Tony.Marino@energysafety.ca.gov>
Cc: Ann Diamond <ann@digalert.org>
Subject: Fwd: Member Cancellation Result #16519385

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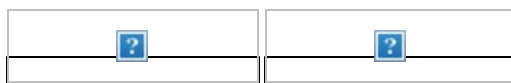
Tony,

We have had our first member request termination via the new process. Attached are the results from the questionnaire and the letter for your office. The member (x-member) has already received their copy via our email though our member services service desk system. I am working on a way to automate this more but being the first one needed to see how it all works manually first.

Thank you,



Jim Schwilk, Vice President
Underground Service Alert of Southern California
PO BOX 77070 Corona, CA 92877
P: [951-808-8100](tel:951-808-8100) F: [951-808-8101](tel:951-808-8101)
E: jim@digalert.org W: www.digalert.org



From: Formsite <noreply@fs7.formsite.com>
Reply: Formsite <noreply@fs7.formsite.com>
Date: June 5, 2024 at 1:55:49 PM
To: jim@digalert.org <jim@digalert.org>
Subject: Member Cancellation Result #16519385

Reference #

16519385

Status	Complete
Reason for Cancelling Membership	Not an Operator of Subsurface Installations
Are you subject to the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board (Underground Safety Board) fee (California Code of Regulations Title 19 Division 4 Section 4010). In other words, did your entity receive 500 or more NEW locate request transmissions("tickets") during the previous calendar year - billed from July 1 to June 30 of the following year?	No
Member Code	Washburn
Company Name	Washburn Grove Mgmt
Federal Tax ID (EIN)	<div></div>
Address	27781 Fairview Avenue
City	Hemet
State	CA
Zip	92544
Contact Name	dennis r washburn
Email Address	grovemgmt@aol.com
Last Update	2024-06-05 10:58:22
Start Time	2024-06-05 10:56:56
Finish Time	2024-06-05 10:58:22
IP	45.51.164.156
Browser	Chrome
Device	Desktop
Referrer	https://digalert.org/

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Underground Service Alert

of Southern California™

June 5, 2024

Underground Safety Board
Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sent VIA Email Only (digboard@energysafety.ca.gov)

RE: Notice of Termination of Membership of Washburn Grove Mgmt.

Chair Muñoz and Members of the Underground Safety Board:

This correspondence is to advise you that Washburn Grove Mgmt. has terminated its membership with Underground Service Alert of Southern California (DigAlert). This termination is effective as of June 5, 2024.

As you are aware, California Government Code section 4216.1 requires every operator of a subsurface installation, except the Department of Transportation, to participate in, and share in the costs of, a regional notification center. Section 4216 *et seq.* does not confer any authority to regional notification centers to enforce the provisions of the Government Code, nor does it give the centers the authority to prevent a member from terminating its membership regardless of the circumstances. Furthermore, because DigAlert is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation, it is bound by the provisions of California Corporations Code section 7340(a) which provides that members may resign from membership at any time.

Therefore, in an effort to assist the Underground Safety Board (Board) in its role as an enforcement agency, as well as to further DigAlert's public safety goals, we requested information from Washburn Grove Mgmt. regarding the basis for termination of its membership with DigAlert. The terminating member provided us with the attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Member Services at 951-808-8191 or memberservices@digalert.org.

Sincerely,

Ann Diamond
President

cc: grovemgmt@aol.com – email

Tony Marino – Executive Officer – Underground Safety Board – tony.marino@energysafety.ca.gov

Exhibit 2

Business Search

The California Business Search provides access to available information for **corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships** of record with the California Secretary of State, with **free PDF copies** of over 17 million imaged business entity documents, including the most recent imaged Statements of Information filed for Corporations and Limited Liability Companies.

Currently, information for Limited Liability Partnerships (e.g. law firms, architecture firms, engineering firms, public accountancy firms, and land survey firms), General Partnerships, and other entity types are **not contained** in the California Business Search. If you wish to obtain information about LLPs and GPs, submit a Business Entities Order paper form to request copies of filings for these entity types. Note: This search is not intended to serve as a name reservation search. To reserve an entity name, select Forms on the left panel and select Entity Name Reservation ? Corporation, LLC, LP.

Basic Search

- A Basic search can be performed using an entity name or entity number. When conducting a search by an entity number, where applicable, **remove "C"** from the entity number. Note, **a basic search** will search **only ACTIVE entities** (Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, Limited Partnerships, Cooperatives, Name Reservations, Foreign Name Reservations, Unincorporated Common Interest Developments, and Out of State Associations). The basic search performs a **contains ?keyword?** search. The Advanced search allows for a **starts with ?** filter. To search entities that have a status other than active or to refine search criteria, use the **Advanced** search feature.

Advanced Search

- An Advanced search is required when searching for publicly traded disclosure information or a status other than active.
- An Advanced search allows for searching by specific entity types (e.g., Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation) or by entity groups (e.g., All Corporations) as well as searching by ?begins with? specific search criteria.

Disclaimer: Search results are limited to the 500 entities closest matching the entered search criteria. If your desired search result is not found within the 500 entities provided, please refine the search criteria using the Advanced search function for additional results/entities. The California Business Search is updated as documents are approved. The data provided is not a complete or certified record.

Although every attempt has been made to ensure that the information contained in the database is accurate, the Secretary of State's office is not responsible for any loss, consequence, or damage resulting directly or indirectly from reliance on the accuracy, reliability, or timeliness of the information that is provided. All such information is provided "as is." To order certified copies or certificates of status, (1) locate an entity using the search; (2)select Request Certificate in the right-hand detail drawer; and (3) complete your request online.

Washburn Grove Management



Advanced

Results: 1

Entity Information	Initial Filing Date	Status	Entity Type	Formed In	Agent
WASHBURN GROVE MANAGEMENT, INC. (2886521)	06/28/2006	Active	Stock Corporation - CA - General	CALIFORNIA	DENNIS WASHBURN

WASHBURN GROVE MANAGEMENT, INC. (2886521)



Request Certificate

Initial Filing Date	06/28/2006
Status	Active
Standing - SOS	Good
Standing - FTB	Good
Standing - Agent	Good
Standing - VCFCF	Good
Formed In	CALIFORNIA
Entity Type	Stock Corporation - CA - General
Principal Address	27781 FAIRVIEW AVE HEMET, CA 92344
Mailing Address	27781 FAIRVIEW AVE HEMET, CA 92344
Statement of Info Due Date	06/30/2022
Agent	Individual DENNIS WASHBURN 27781 FAIRVIEW AVE HEMET, CA 92344



View History



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Exhibit 3



**CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND FACILITIES SAFE EXCAVATION BOARD
INVESTIGATION DIVISION
INTERVIEW REPORT**

REPORT DATE: November 8, 2024

CASE NO: C241690007

DATE/TIME OF INTERVIEW: November 8, 2024, at 12:21 p.m.

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Phone

NAME/ADDRESS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Washburn Grove Management
Dennis R. Washburn
27781 Fairview Avenue
Hemet, California 92544
Grovemgmt@aol.com
909-322-4690

NARRATIVE:

On November 8, 2024, at approximately 12:21 a.m., the investigator spoke with Dennis Washburn of Washburn Grove Management regarding membership termination with Underground Service Alert of Southern California (DigAlert) effective June 5, 2024. The investigator had follow-up questions after speaking with Mr. Washburn on November 5, 2024.

INTERVIEW:

AM: Amy Morford – Investigator

OPR: Dennis Washburn, Washburn Grove Management (Washburn)

AM: Does the pipe under Marshall Street have water pumped through it?

OPR: "Yes."

AM: So the line is pressurized?

OPR: "Yes, it has pressure."

AM: How much pressure is running through the pipe, in your estimation?

OPR: "About thirty to forty pounds of pressure."

AM: How long is the pipe under the section of the road?

OPR: "About sixty feet."

AM: And the pipe extends on both sides from Marshall Street on your private property, correct?

OPR: "Yeah, the water line is inside of another pipe, inside a sleeve. If something happens, the water won't blow out the road, it will blow out onto our property."

AM: The concern is if you sell the property there will be no record of the pipeline.

OPR: "When the grove is gone, the line will be shut down. It will be dead."

AM: Where is Marshall Street, what is it near when looking at a map?

OPR: "Highway 74. About a mile back from Fairview Avenue and Grant Street is nearby."

The investigator thanked Mr. Washburn and ended the call.

-End of Report-

Investigator Name	Supervisor Name
Amy Morford	Anona Bonner

Exhibit 4



**CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND FACILITIES SAFE EXCAVATION BOARD
INVESTIGATION DIVISION
INTERVIEW REPORT**

REPORT DATE: November 5, 2024

CASE NO: C241690007

DATE/TIME OF INTERVIEW: November 5, 2024, at 10:19 a.m.

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Phone

NAME/ADDRESS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Washburn Grove Management
Dennis R. Washburn
27781 Fairview Avenue
Hemet, California 92544
Grovemgmt@aol.com
909-322-4690

NARRATIVE:

On November 5, 2024, at approximately 10:19 a.m., the investigator spoke with Dennis Washburn of Washburn Grove Management regarding membership termination with Underground Service Alert of Southern California (DigAlert) effective June 5, 2024.

INTERVIEW:

AM: Amy Morford – Investigator

OPR: Dennis Washburn, Washburn Grove Management (Washburn)

AM: Why did you become a DigAlert member?

OPR: "Eight years ago, we put a pipeline underneath the road. We put a pipe inside a bigger pipe, so that if it ever leaked, it wouldn't interfere with the road. They send me bills and I don't have anything I should be paying for."

AM: Does Washburn have subsurface installations in the ground?

OPR: "Yes, just one pipe, but it's nothing that's ever gonna interfere with the road."

AM: Is the pipe exclusive to Washburn Grove Management's property?

OPR: "Yeah."

AM: Do you still currently have subsurface installations in the ground?

OPR: "One pipe, just one pipe."

AM: Do you have more than one area where you've got subsurface installations in the ground?

OPR: "No."

AM: Okay, this one pipe, where is it located at?

OPR: "It's on Marshall Street. If you look at my records, it was an eight-inch line, and we put it in a 12-inch, so if we ever did have a leak on our pipeline, it would never interfere with the road."

AM: Do you have a street address? Where on Marshall Street?

OPR: "It's in my records, it's a farm, a citrus grove."

AM: Is the line exclusive to the farm? To your property?

OPR: "Yes."

AM: Can the line be accessed without your knowledge?

OPR: "No."

AM: "What is the line used for?"

OPR: "It's for irrigation."

AM: So your only subsurface installation is an eight-inch irrigation line?

OPR: "Yes."

AM: Do you still own this line?

OPR: "Yes, we do."

AM: What is the reason you have terminated your membership?

OPR: "I have no use for them. I don't need them anymore. They've been bugging me for years, and I'll explain to you what I already explained to them. We did it so we wouldn't have to worry about the road. That's why we put the eight-inch inside the 12-inch line and ran it out of our property, so if it ever did leak, it wouldn't damage the road."

AM: The line is running underneath a road. Is this a county or city road?

OPR: "Yes."

AM: This is in Hemet?

OPR: "Yes."

The investigator thanked Mr. Washburn and ended the call.

-End of Report-

Investigator Name	Supervisor Name
Amy Morford	Anona Bonner

Exhibit 5

From: Morford, Amy@EnergySafety
To: [Amber Dahl](#)
Subject: Washburn Grove Management Termination
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 1:59:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Washburn Grove Management (Member code WASHBURN) terminated its membership on June 5, 2024, as an operator with DigAlert.

Please provide how many locate request transmissions Washburn Grove Management received for the 2023-2024 calendar year.

Thank you,

Amy Morford

Senior Policy Investigator

Underground Investigations Division

Amy.Morford@energysafety.ca.gov

Direct: 279-789-1815



OFFICE OF ENERGY
INFRASTRUCTURE
SAFETY

From: [Amber Dahl](#)
To: Morford, Amy@EnergySafety
Subject: Re: WASHBURN
Date: Friday, November 22, 2024 11:55:30 AM
Attachments: [WASHBURN - 2023.csv](#)
[WASHBURN.pdf](#)

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Thank you,



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Underground Service Alert

of Southern California™

November 22, 2024

Amy Morford
Underground Safety Board

File Number: Unknown

Dear Amy,

Attached is the transmission information for Washburn Grove Management (WASHBURN) 1/1/23 as requested. There were no DigAlert tickets transmitted to WASHBURN in 2024. I hope this information will be helpful.

If we can be of further assistance, please call us at 951-808-8100.

Sincerely,

Amber Dahl
Safety Awareness Director

Ticket Number-Revision	Date/Time Ticket St	Type	Company	Doing	County	City	Address	Street	x/st
A231770925-00A	6/26/2023 14:14	NEW	STURGEON ELECTRIC	SCE	RIVERSIDE	HEMET	0 MARSHALL AVE	EMERSON ST	
A231770925-01B	7/21/2023 18:08	RNEW	STURGEON ELECTRIC	SCE	RIVERSIDE	HEMET	0 MARSHALL AVE	EMERSON ST	
A231770926-00A	6/26/2023 14:15	NEW	STURGEON ELECTRIC	SCE	RIVERSIDE	HEMET	0 MARSHALL AVE	BENTLEY ST	
A231770926-01B	7/21/2023 18:08	RNEW	STURGEON ELECTRIC	SCE	RIVERSIDE	HEMET	0 MARSHALL AVE	BENTLEY ST	
A231770969-00A	6/26/2023 14:36	NEW	QUADE	SCE	RIVERSIDE	HEMET	0 MARSHALL AVE	EMERSON ST	
A231770969-01B	7/21/2023 18:08	RNEW	QUADE	SCE	RIVERSIDE	HEMET	0 MARSHALL AVE	EMERSON ST	
A231770975-00A	6/26/2023 14:39	NEW	QUADE	SCE	RIVERSIDE	HEMET	0 MARSHALL AVE	BENTLEY ST	
A231770975-01B	7/21/2023 18:08	RNEW	QUADE	SCE	RIVERSIDE	HEMET	0 MARSHALL AVE	BENTLEY ST	