



Underground Safety Board Unmarked Lines Workshop Notice and Agenda September 17, 2025 (*Virtual and In-Person*)

Corona, CA - The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety) Underground Safety Board will host a public workshop, both in-person and via Microsoft Teams, on September 17 to examine how unmarked or abandoned lines are addressed during excavation. The workshop will focus on understanding the current processes to identify the operator(s) of unmarked lines that excavators encounter in the field. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to share their experiences and provide feedback to help shape potential safety standards for communication practices and improve compliance with the Dig Safe Act.

Meeting Date:

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Underground Service Alert of Southern California (DigAlert)

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Corona, CA 92881

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Workshop Objectives:

- **Understand Industry Experience** – Hear firsthand about the experiences of excavators and operators in identifying the operator of unmarked lines.
- **Identify Challenges and Best Practices** – Learn about the common obstacles, effective strategies, and opportunities to improve communication practices surrounding unmarked lines.

AGENDA

1. Welcoming Remarks

2. Unmarked Lines Discussion:

To help the Unmarked and Abandoned Lines Committee develop safety standards for operator communication practices regarding identifying the owner of an unmarked line, the Committee wishes to learn the following information:

- What steps do excavators take to notify operators of unmarked lines, and how do operators receive notifications of unmarked lines?
- What do operators do once they know of an unmarked line?
- Operators: what technologies, records, steps, etc. are most helpful to confirm that an unmarked line is or is not yours? How does information from permits, easements, licenses, or franchise agreements factor into identifying whether an unmarked line is yours?
- What processes for updating maps and records do operators use, and who do they share those updated records with outside of their organization (e.g., 811 call centers or locator services)?
- How long do excavators wait and what steps do they take to figure out who the operator is of an unmarked line before proceeding with the project?
- The Board has heard that there is a financial incentive to remove abandoned lines from operators' records for tax purposes. Please provide





information you have on the interaction between taxes and abandonment, especially regarding record keeping practices.

3. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Virtual Attendance

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Availability of Documents

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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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