



# **Notice and Agenda**

## **Underground Safety Board**

### **Education and Outreach Meeting**

#### **September 8-9, 2025**

*(Virtual and In-Person)*

Sacramento, California – The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) Underground Safety Board (Board) will hold an in-person public meeting with virtual public access on Monday, September 8 and Tuesday, September 9 in Sacramento.

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

There will be an opportunity for public comment on each item. Excavators, operators, utilities, damage prevention experts, safety managers, policymakers, government leaders, and interested members of the public who want to learn about best practices and emerging technology for subsurface installation safety are invited to attend.

This message constitutes notice of the sender's intention as the meeting host to record the meeting to be conducted over Microsoft Teams on September 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. and September 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The recording is voice and video recording. The purpose of the recording is for a Board meeting. If you do not wish to be recorded audibly or visually, please turn off your video and mute your microphone during the recording.

#### **Meeting Dates:**

**Monday, September 8, 2025 | 1 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025 | 9 a.m.**



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**Auditorium**  
**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: Opening Remarks**
- 4. Information Item: The California Underground Safety Board: Improving Excavation Safety**

Jessica Rzeszut, Chief of Education and Outreach at the Underground Safety Board, will present a brief introduction to the Board and the distinctive approach it is taking to improve safety around underground infrastructure.

- 5. Information Item: 811 Notification Center Update**

DigAlert and USA North 811 will provide updates on their education and outreach activities.

- 6. Information Item: Dig Ticket Management in the Eyes of the Contractor**

Logan Downer, Co-Founder and General Manager at Excav811, will present the real-world cost of getting dig ticket management wrong, best practices for safety, compliance and efficiency, and making sure you are always compliant prior to digging.



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**7. Information Item: Damage Prevention, Why Is It Important? – Evolution of Best Practices**

Brian Snead, Damage Prevention/ROW Specialist at Kinder Morgan, will review Kinder Morgan's current procedures and best practices as they pertain to Damage Prevention and Public Awareness.

**8. Information Item: Closing Remarks**

**9. Adjournment**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025 | 9 a.m.**

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**3. Information Item: Opening Remarks**

**4. Information Item: Keynote Address**

**5. Information Item: Coordinated Statewide Education and Outreach Workshops Update**

Jessica Rzeszut, Chief of Education and Outreach at the Underground Safety Board, will present the final findings and outcomes of the Board's Coordinated Statewide Education and Outreach Workshops.



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## **6. Information Item: Navigating Underground Safety Board Online Resources**

Brittany Friedman, Education and Outreach Ambassador at the Underground Safety Board, will present the Underground Safety Board website, its resources on underground safety practices, and the importance of having these tools at your disposal. Attendees will learn how to get involved with the Board's work, file a damage report, and access meeting materials and educational resources.

## **7. Information Item: USA North 811 Educational Resources**

Collin Miyadi, Director of Marketing and Education at USA North 811, will present on available educational resources provided to professional excavators, utility operators, and homeowners.

## **8. Information Item: Staying Compliant and Safe: SB 778 Information Bulletin**

Alexandra Augér, Education and Outreach Ambassador at the Underground Safety Board, will introduce the Board's SB 778 Information Bulletin, which was released in December 2024 to alert stakeholders of changes to the Dig Safe Act that took effect January 1, 2025. This presentation will provide an overview of the Bulletin and how it highlights key changes that impact excavator, operator, and all stakeholder responsibilities.

## **9. Information Item: Unlocking Underground Insights: GIS Tools and Techniques for Utility Safety**

Matt Piper, Global Director for Industry Solutions, and Amadea Azerki, Principal Technical Consultant, at Esri, will introduce how Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can empower utilities to better understand and manage underground infrastructure. Attendees will learn foundational workflows for getting started with GIS, explore real-world examples of how utilities have used location-based data to improve visibility and safety, and discover emerging possibilities such as ground penetrating radar and 3D visualization. The presentation is designed to inspire practical applications of GIS for safer excavation and installation.

## **10. Information Item: Digging Deeper: Investigations that Drive Change**

Amy Morford, Northern California Supervising Investigator, and Jeff McClenahan, Senior Policy Investigator at the Underground Safety Board, will explore investigative





efforts targeting excavation damages caused by failure to contact 811 or providing an electronic positive response to provide insights into these enforcement initiatives, investigations, and actions that can be taken to strengthen damage prevention.

### **11. Information Item: Building a Safer Community: SMUD’s Approach to Enhanced Communication**

Ryder Couch, Program Manager, Regulatory Compliance at SMUD, will provide an overview of their implementation of geofencing technology to enhance the safety of its gas pipelines.

### **12. Closing Remarks**

### **13. 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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#### Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [Energy Safety E-Filing](#), Docket Name [2025-09 September 8-9 Education and Outreach Meeting and Business Meeting](#). This notice and instruction on how to join the meeting will also be posted on [Energy Safety's Upcoming Events 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](mailto:digboard@energysafety.ca.gov), (916) 902-6000, or at the address below:

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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 comments before a meeting:



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- 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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