

## **Nomination Deadlines:**

Spring Awards: February 28, 2019
Fall Awards: September 30, 2019

Agency: Yuba County Water Agency

Project/Initiative Title: A near miss on Yuba County Water Agency fencing project

Implementation Date: 7/22/2019

Cost to Implement: \$0.00

Staff Time Required: 30 minutes

Number of Employees/Facilities Impacted: 2 employees, Potential for Public in City

of Marysville / Marysville Road and Dam Structural Integrity.

# Employee/Department/Committee Nominated:

Name(s): Jamie Coleman

Job Title/Department: Administrative Technician in Maintenance Department.

## **Nomination Summary**

Write a brief summary of your project/initiative. Clearly state the problem/hazard recognized by the nominee and the specific reasons that they initiated corrective action.

The employee was tasked with collecting the required permits and to act as the agency point of contact for a contractor who was upgrading fencing at New Bullard's Bar Dam. This process was going to require digging and the local utilities to mark their underground lines. The approval was received before the planned dig. When the employee and the contractor conducted a site walkthrough prior to starting work, they noticed what seemed to be underground electricity. They reviewed the USA approval for digging and decided that the approval was complete but clearly something could have been missing. They stopped work and found that USA submitted an approval to dig near 480V power pole with underground electricity present without on-site confirmation. The locator's approval was based on expired or incorrect prints. This error had a potential for unsafe digging which could result in significant damage to personnel life, public safety, a county road and critical infrastructure. As this underground electricity controlled critical infrastructure, the loss of which would pose significant hazard to members of the public driving on adjacent major road, recreating at the reservoir and potentially all the people down stream of New Bullard's Bar Dam.

Describe the specific actions taken to resolve the problem(s) or challenge(s). Share the best practices that made this initiative successful for the agency and its impact.

The employee initiated their stop work authority timely and choose to ensure safety for the Agency, the Contractor, and all the people downstream. The employee then contacted the Safety and Operations department which acted as a cooperative team to get the locator on site to conduct a proper utilities survey. Live underground lines were identified and the locator confirmed that the original approval ticket was based on old prints.

State whether the hazard was reduced with engineering controls, introduced a new administrative or work procedure, or relied on personal protective equipment to solve the problem.

This hazard was mitigated by a strong culture of safety that promotes Operational Excellence and a stop work authority through all levels of organization. The employee was present for multiple contractor safety orientations and quoted one phrase, "See something, say something". This led them to feel confident that their stop work would be taken seriously and would be backed by the Agency.

Describe any extraordinary circumstances that made this nominee's safety accomplishments significant.

Describe whether the nominee influenced safety in the workplace, encouraged employee participation in safety efforts, obtained organizational "buy in" to implement the solution.

The employee was tasked with a relatively simple job of getting the required permits before work began and being on site for the contractor orientation. In reality, there is no such thing as simple job when it comes to personnel, public or property damage. These are the types of jobs where complacency can be a big concern. The employee along with the contractor saw something and decided that the approval that was in hand was questionable. They went above the simple verification of the permit and stopped work to question the approval in-person, and get the markings updated for safety.

Describe whether the project/initiative addressed a hazard or exposure included in the JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program.

USA Ticket Varification located in C2E's Construction Program best practices and robust work safety plan review..

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Nominated by: YCWA	Date:09/16/19
Attached.	
List and attach any supporting materials that you feel are im the nomination. Digital photos, supporting documentation, so	The contract of the contract o
⊠Other: Construction Program	
□Slip/trip/falls – falls from heights	
□Vehicle Operations	

Please email this form with supporting documents and digital photos (jpg) to  $\underline{tlofing@acwaipia.com}$ .

Incident Type: A near miss on Yuba County Water Agency fencing project.

Location Address: 12705 Marysville Rd, Dobbins, CA 95935

**Specific Area of Location**: New Bullards Bar Dam Road on the downstream side from just past the pedestrian gate left of the spillway to the mountain.

### **Incident Description:**

USA submitted an approval to dig near **480V** power pole with underground electricity present without on-site confirmation. The locator from PG&E said the area was approved via incorrect prints. This error had a potential for unsafe digging which could result in significant damage to personnel, public and critical infrastructure

#### Sequence of events: (Times are approximate)

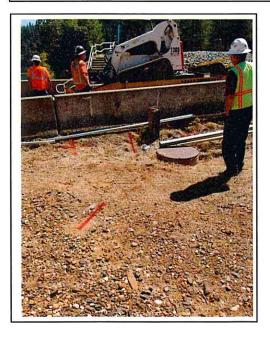
- 0700: YCWA reps met Nevada County Fence and QCI Contractors at Cottage Creek Water Treatment Plant on July 22, 2019 for routine Contractor Orientation for new contractors, Job Hazard Analysis (JHA), and work day discussion.
- 0730: QCI was released to go set up traffic control.
- 0800: After traffic control was in place YCWA and contractor reps crew went to the job site to go over work plan.
- 0815: Although a USA ticket had been approved and granted by Pac Bell and PG&E, the contractor posed the question of safety in digging in the area as there was a power pole with a conduit evident into the ground in the job site area.
- 0820: YCWA reps stopped work for confirmation of safety in digging.
- 0830: YCWA reps contacted PG&E and they did not release any information to them due to the fact that their name was not on the ticket.
- 0830: The contractor called PG&E and they agreed to an onsite survey.
- 1100: PG&E was on site and found the underground power was running in between the marked post hole areas.
- 1110: The information provided on site indicated that the ticket was approved by looking at prints that were not up to date and that a report will be sent to surveyors to have the area resurveyed and that could take up to two years.
- 1120: PG&E confirmed that dig area distance was safe enough to dig.
- 1130: YCWA released contractors to start work.

## Job Site Area



## Photos after PGE on site Survey







From:

notification@usan.org

Sent:

Tuesday, July 09, 2019 11:29 AM

To:

NEVADACOUNTYFENCE@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Subject:

USA North 811 Confirmation for Ticket X919001517-00X

State: CA Zip: 95945

EMLCFM 07709X USAN 07/09/19 11:29:16 X919001517-00X NEW NORM POLY LREQ

Ticket: X919001517 Rev: 00X Created: 07/09/19 11:28 User: IDB9197 Chan: WEB

Work Start: 07/11/19 17:01 Legal Start: 07/11/19 17:01 Expires: 08/06/19 23:59

Response required: Y Priority: 2

Excavator Information

Company: NEVADA COUNTY FENCE

Co Addr: 698 AUBURN ST City : GRASS VALLEY

Created By: DUSTY BURNETT Language: ENGLISH Office Phone: 530-272-3489 SMS/Cell:

Office Email: NEVADACOUNTYFENCE@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Site Contact: DUSTY

Site Phone: 530-272-3489

Site SMS/Cell:

Site Email: nevadacountyfence@sbcglobal.net

Excavation Area

State: CA County: YUBA

Place: CAMPTONVILLE /U

Zip:

Location: Address/Street: 12705 MARYSVILLE RD 🤞

: X/ST1: MOONSHINE RD

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: EAST SIDE OF DAM ON DOWNSTREAM SIDE JUST OFF OF ROADWAY. PLEASE SEE

: MARKS ALONG FOG LINE.

Delineated Method: WHITE PAINT
Work Type: POST HOLE DRILLING
Work For: YURA COUNTY WATER AGENC

Work For : YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Permit: Job/Work order:

1 Year: N Boring: N Street/Sidewalk: N Vacuum: N Explosives: N

Lat/Long

Center Generated (NAD83): 39.393130/-121.142899 39.394025/-121.141383 : 39.388817/-121.140351 39.389713/-121.138835

Excavator Provided:

Map link:

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Members:

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Name not available 530-432-2997

For emergencies 530-265-1555

PACBÉL PACIFIC BELL Name not available 510-645-2929

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PGEGVY PGE DISTR GRASS VALLEY EMERGENCY 800-743-5000

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From:

AT&T Distribution Cable Locate Notification <alcs@zlp26512.vci.att.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, July 09, 2019 1:20 PM

To:

**NEVADA COUNTY FENCE** 

Subject:

AT&T Distribution - All CLEAR/NO CONFLICT NOTIFICATION: X919001517-00X

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AT&T Distribution - Damage Prevention AT&T DISTRIBUTION UNDERGROUND/BURIED INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATE All CLEAR/NO CONFLICT NOTIFICATION

Ticket No: X919001517-00X

Ticket Address: 12705 MARYSVILLE RD

Place: CAMPTONVILLE /U, CA Caller Name: DUSTY BURNETT Caller Phone: 530-272-3489

Contractor Name: NEVADA COUNTY FENCE

Contractor Phone: 530-272-3489

AT&T Distribution Membership Code: PACBEL

State One Call Law Reference: California - Government Code 4216 - Title 8 Section 1541

This is to notify you that for the above One Call Locate Notification Request, status of the facilities at this date and time is All Clear/No Conflict. The information in this response does not mean that another utility other than AT&T Distribution is Clear/Not in conflict or different activities at the same location would be clear. If you have any questions about this message or if you believe you have received this notification in error and that AT&T Distribution Underground Facilities are actually in the vicinity of your excavation activity, please call 1-213 633-3155.

\*A duplicated notice may be sent multiple times, resulting from an update of the same ticket number.

From:

agt\_comm@irth.com

Sent:

Tuesday, July 09, 2019 3:29 PM

To:

NEVADACOUNTYFENCE@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Subject:

Ticket X919001517 - PG&E Response to a USA Locate Request

To: NEVADA COUNTY FENCE

Attn: DUSTY BURNETT

Voice: 5302723489

Fax:

Re: PG&E Response to a USA Locate Request

This is a message from Pacific Gas & Electric Company replying to your request to mark our facilities.

Ticket: X919001517

County: YUBA

Place: CAMPTONVILLE

Address: 12705 MARYSVILLE RD

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PGEGVY

P G & E has determined that there is no conflict with our facilities at this excavation site. Always review the excavation area for signs of newly installed facilities before excavating. If a PG&E facility is suspected in the excavation that is not identified on the PG&E USA ticket response, please contact 811. Cleared From Office. No Pictures Required.

1800-743-5000

Please call USA at 8-1-1 if you have questions about white paint or the USA process. If you have a question for PG&E, please call 1-800-743-5000.

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Sent:

Monday, July 22, 2019 6:21 PM

To:

NEVADACOUNTYFENCE@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Subject:

Ticket X919001517 - PG&E Response to a USA Locate Request

To: NEVADA COUNTY FENCE

Attn: DUSTY BURNETT

Voice: 5302723489

Fax:

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Ticket: X919001517

County: YUBA

Place: CAMPTONVILLE

Address: 12705 MARYSVILLE RD

#### PGEGVY:

PG&E has marked its facilities at this dig location. (If PG&E-owned facilities are present in your area of excavation, PG&E has marked electric facilities in red, gas facilities in yellow, and fiber facilities in orange. The law requires Hand digging within the tolerance zone. For additional information on facility color codes, please visit <a href="www.usanorth.org">www.usanorth.org</a>.) Marked secondary electric. -;

Painted.inwas at this job this morning around 10:00am. I marked electric secondary in painting forgot to take photos. Maps+ doesn't show an underground service on the pole cleared from office first time this ticket was submitted got a phone call from excavator saying there was a secondary riser. Drove out and marked it

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Please call USA at 8-1-1 if you have questions about white paint or the USA process. If you have a question for PG&E, please call 1-800-743-5000.

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Monday, July 22, 2019 9:27 AM

To:

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Subject:

USA North 811 Confirmation for Ticket X919001517-01W

State: CA Zip: 95945

Language: ENGLISH

EMLCFM 01043W USAN 07/22/19 09:27:12 X919001517-01W AMND NORM POLY LREO

Ticket: X919001517 Rev: 01W Created: 07/22/19 09:26 User: ZRF Chan: CSR

Work Start: 07/22/19 09:25 Legal Start: 07/24/19 17:01 Expires: 08/06/19 23:59

Response required: Y Priority: 2

Excavator Information

Company: NEVADA COUNTY FENCE

Co Addr: 698 AUBURN ST

City : GRASS VALLEY Created By: DUSTY BURNETT

Office Phone: 530-272-3489 SMS/Cell: Office Email: NEVADACOUNTYFENCE@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Site Contact: DUSTY

Site Phone: 530-272-3489

Site SMS/Cell:

Site Email: nevadacountyfence@sbcglobal.net

Excavation Area

State: CA County: YUBA

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Location: Address/Street: 12705 MARYSVILLE RD

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\*\*AMENDMENT\*\* TO PG&E : CUSTOMER HAS CONCERNS WITH NO MARKINGS ON SITE. PLEASE CALL CUSTOMER ASAP AT 530-272-3489 PER DUSTY BURNETT--07/22/2019 09:25:36 AM

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# Nevada County Fence, inc. Job Safety Analysis (ISA)

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If an Accident occurs during this job, a copy of the JHA must be in the investigation report.				

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#### Email notification to management

From: Jamie Coleman

To: Marcel Bos; Mauny Miler; Mke Kline; Avinash Sancher; Arnold DeLima; Joel Ferrera; Jason Newton; Bill Shaw;

Paul Breitag

Subject: BBD Security Fence - Safety Lesson Learned

Date: Monday, July 22, 2019 12:36:00 PM

Attachments: Spillgate Power USA (5),jpg

Spillgate Power USA (1).ipg Spillgate Power USA (3).ipg

#### Hello Team.

I wanted to share a lesson learned with you. This morning we started the fence upgrade between the spillway and the mountain, we had all our ducks in a row including a signed off ticket from USA releasing the contractors to dig, the Contractor second guessed the ticket due to the power pole with obvious underline ground conduit, we contacted ops who confirmed the underline electric. We stopped work at that point and had PGE come out to confirm and mark the underground electric. There was in fact underground cable, USA/PGE did not catch this because they did not come on site to verify, they approved the ticket from their office looking at drawings. You can see from the pictures how close the posts are to where the underground elec is (elec in red, new posts in orange). The post areas are in a safe distance from the underground electric.

Back to my point, now looking at the pole it is obvious of the potential hazard but it isn't something I would have considered especially having the ok to work from USA. So moving forward if there is a project that you need USA for it may be worth it to request an onsite visit.

All is well, the digging is in safe proximity from the electric and the contractors are back in business, I just wanted to pass this experience on.

Please don't hesitate to reach me if you have further questions or comments.

Thank you,

Jamie Coleman
Power Systems Administrative Technician
Colgate Power House
PO Box 176
Dobbins CA 95935
Office: 530.740.7078
Cell: 530.812.5924
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