



Pechanga Tribal Government
DIG ALERT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

Underground utilities exist on the Pechanga Indian Reservation that may not be locatable with the Southern California 811 Dig Alert system. The reservation also contains many culturally and environmentally sensitive areas. A system is needed to identify underground utility locations on the reservation to protect life, property, cultural sites, infrastructure, and the environment from uninformed excavation (digging, drilling, grading, trenching, and similar activities).

GOAL

Protect life, property, cultural sites, infrastructure, and the environment with informed excavation.

OBJECTIVE

Establish a PTG Dig Alert system.

STRATEGY

Establish a phone number and email that residents, contractors, utility workers, and employees can use to notify Pechanga Water, Fire, IT, Environmental, Public Works, GIS, and Cultural Departments, along with Pechanga Western Electric and Pechanga Tribal Rangers 72 hours before excavation to identify existing underground utilities and sensitive areas.

TACTICS

1. Establish a PTG Dig Alert phone line at PTR Dispatch Center, 951-770-6280 (established by PTR)
2. Establish a PTG Dig Alert group email, digalert@pechanga-nsn.gov, for key personnel to receive and process notifications.
3. Establish a PRC Dig Alert request form for applicants to submit notifications. (attached)
4. Establish a PTG Dig Alert intake form and process for PTR Dispatch to receive and process notifications (attached)
5. Establish a PTG Dig Alert logo for signs, stamps, decals, civil plans, public service announcements, and other notifications (attached)
6. Periodically update contacts and evaluate the PTG Dig Alert program to make improvements as needed

DIG ALERT PROCESS

Before excavation, residents, contractors, utility workers, and employees will either call 951-770-6280 or email digalert@pechanga-nsn.gov. PTR Dispatch will receive the call or email notification, assign an incident number, collect pertinent information in the intake form, distribute the intake form to the PTG Dig Alert group, and record notifications. Members of the PTG Dig Alert group are responsible for identifying and marking respective known underground utilities and sensitive areas before the excavation date/time. GIS will document any new findings or construction for historical records. This program is not intended to replace the 811 system.