Gila County Policy BLUE STAKE NOTIFICATION	Policy Number: PWS-007 Replaces: DPW04-07	Page
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I. PURPOSE:

To insure employees are notifying Blue Stake prior to any digging or excavating anywhere or when blading a road for the first time.

II. POLICY:

Public Works employees must use proper safety measures before beginning a project that involves earth work to ensure that utilities and hazards underground are identified. Blue Stake notification is necessary to help identify these facilities.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES:

It is the Supervisor's and Manager's responsibility to enforce this policy.

SIGNATURE:

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

11/19/2019

DATE

GILA COUNTY

PROCEDURES FOR BLUE STAKE NOTIFICATION

1. Before beginning any digging, grading, or excavating a project in a site that has not previously been explored, it is necessary to contact Blue Stake to avoid costly damage, possible injury and/or service interruption. Your Supervisor or Manager may be aware of previous utility/facility discovery so check with him/her.

2. At least two (2) days prior to starting a project, (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays), call the Blue Stake Center at (602) 263-1100 or (800) 782-5348 to identify all underground pipelines and facilities or enter your ticket online at www.arizona811.com and click on E-Stake.

3. Facility owners and operators will send locators to the area you identified as your dig site. Locators will mark all underground utilities such as underground lines, pipes and cables or notify you if they do not have underground lines in conflict.

4. Wait until you've received responses for all of the facilities listed on your ticket. When it is safe and legal to dig, work in compliance with Arizona law. Use hand tools only within two feet of marked facilities; support and protect exposed facilities; and keep marks visible and valid for the duration of your digging project.

   NOTE: If you submitted a ticket and didn't receive marks or any other response from one or more facility owners/operators by the due date, or if you did not agree to or don't understand a response received, be sure to process a follow-up transaction on your ticket.