

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD

# **Autonomous Tractors in Agriculture**

## **Advisory Committee**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Create a balanced committee.
- Determine a scope for rule making.
- Make a plan for data collection.
- Evaluate implications for data collection.
- Identify issues to address.
- Possible rulemaking.

## **§ 3441. Operation of Agricultural Equipment.**

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(b) All self-propelled equipment shall, when under its own power and in motion, have an operator stationed at the vehicular controls. This shall not prohibit the operator occupying or being stationed at a location on the vehicle other than the normal driving position or cab if controls for starting, accelerating, decelerating and stopping are provided adjacent and convenient to the alternate position. If the machine requires steering other than ground or furrow steering or operates at ground speeds in excess of two miles per hour, steering controls shall also be provided at the alternate location. Seedling planters and other similar equipment traveling at a speed of two miles an hour or less where a control that will immediately stop the machine is located at the operator's work station will satisfy this requirement.

(1) Furrow guided self-propelled mobile equipment may be operated by an operator not on the equipment provided that all of the following are complied with:

(A) The operator has a good view of the course of travel of the equipment and any employees in the immediate vicinity.

(B) The steering controls, when provided, and the brake and throttle controls are extended within easy reach of the operator's station.

(C) The operator is not over 10 feet away from such controls and does not have to climb over or onto the equipment or other obstacles to operate the controls.

(D) The equipment is not traveling at over two miles per hour ground speed.

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# **Codes of Conduct**

- Professional courtesy and respect from all who attend.
- One person speaks at a time.
- One person or group should not monopolize the discussion.
- Priority will be given to people who have not already spoken.
- Debates are discouraged.
- Consensus is the goal, but it is not required.

## **Labor Code section 142.3**

142.3. (a) (1) The board, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, may adopt, amend or repeal occupational safety and health standards and orders. The board shall be the only agency in the state authorized to adopt occupational safety and health standards.

(2) The board shall adopt standards at least as effective as the federal standards for all issues for which federal standards have been promulgated under Section 6 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-596) within six months of the promulgation date of the federal standards and which, when applicable to products which are distributed or used in interstate commerce, are required by compelling local conditions and do not unduly burden interstate commerce.

## **Labor Code section 6300**

The California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973 is hereby enacted for the purpose of assuring safe and healthful working conditions for all California working men and women by authorizing the enforcement of effective standards, assisting and encouraging employers to maintain safe and healthful working conditions, and by providing for research, information, education, training, and enforcement in the field of occupational safety and health.