

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
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**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

California Code of Regulations,
Title 8, General Industry Safety Orders, Article 13, Agricultural Operations

Tractor-Mounted Personnel Transport Platforms

Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.;
and Thursday, May 22, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (or until adjournment)

California Farm Bureau Federation
First Floor Conference Room
2300 River Plaza Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833

AGENDA**Day 1 – 9:00 a.m. start.**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks.
 - Self-introductions
 - Use of the facility, purpose and goals of the advisory committee meeting.
 - Standards Board policy and practices regarding the use of advisory committees.
 - Chair's opening comments related to Petition No. 536.
2. Petitioners (Bolthouse Farms and/or Buttonwillow Land and Cattle) are given the opportunity to explain the background and reasons for filing Petition No. 536 related to the use of tractor-mounted personnel transport platform (PTPs).
3. Division of Occupational Safety and Health is given the opportunity to explain enforcement history and current policies regarding the use of PTPs. (Brief discussion of temporary/experimental and permanent variances that have been granted).
4. Occupational Safety and Health Standards related to the use of PTPs.
 - Review applicable federal OSHA standards.
 - Review Cal/OSHA standards.
 - Tractor Manufacturer's rules and recommendations.

5. Committee discussion regarding the hazards of tractor operations (e.g. upset, rollovers, purpose of Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS).

- History of accidents, incidents and any injuries associated with the use of PTPs.
- Use of PTPs in crop fields versus transport on farm roads and safety considerations.

Note: Committee will break early for lunch at approximately 11:15 a.m.

6. Review and discussion of the different types of PTP units that have been used by growers and that are permitted by the granting of experimental/permanent variances.

- How existing PTPs (attached to the tractor by its 3-point hitch) have been used in field crop irrigation operations.
- PTPs attached to tractors with a single hitch point, having their own axle and wheels.
- Feasibility of potential transportation alternatives in irrigation activities to the use of PTPs such as vans, trucks, cars, or other conventional transportation methods.
- Discussion of tractors that have been modified with seats on either side of the tractor operator that are equipped with seatbelts and located under the confines of the tractor ROPS.

7. Review of any comments or letters received prior to the meeting.

8. Discussion of necessity for any proposed rulemaking action.

9. Adjourn day one, or continue discussion with Day 2 items until 4:30 p.m., time permitting.

Day 2 – 8:30 a.m. start

1. Summarize first day's discussion and continue with any unfinished items from day 1.

2. If a rulemaking proposal is indicated, begin review of the proposed text.

3. Discussion by committee members of any cost impact that may result from any proposed amendments.

3. Discuss any need for follow up advisory committee meetings or subcommittee meetings.

5. Discuss the rulemaking process and post committee action by Board staff.

6. Chair's closing comments.

7. Adjourn meeting.