

The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board

Autonomous/Driverless Ag Tractors Advisory
Committee Meeting
March 26, 2025



State of California
Department of
Industrial Relations



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- TKO is assisting us with this virtual meeting and simulcast interpreters will be providing translation in Spanish and Mixteco.
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Agenda

- Introductions
- Brief explanation of the role of the Advisory Committee and the Board's request
- Expectations and guidelines
- Identifying discussion topics for the May 8-9 advisory meeting
 - a. Anticipated discussion topics are listed in the March 26 agenda (scope, data collection, safe design of equipment, etc.)
 - b. Committee members are welcome to submit additional topics for discussion, published research articles and recommendations for speaker-presentations
 - c. Summarize updates and discussions related to the above topics to be shared with Board Members at the June 19 Board meeting
- Questions and answers

The Role of the Advisory Committee (AC)

- It's a tool used to obtain input.
- It assists in developing rulemaking proposals that may significantly impact California employees.
- The Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public.

Composition of the AC

Members include representatives from:

- Labor
- Management and manufacturers
- State agencies
- Academic Institutions
- Professional Associations
- Other interested groups

Code of Conduct:

We request:

- Professional courtesy and respect from all who attend.
- Attend and participate during these meetings.
- One spokesperson per organization.
- One person speaks at a time.
- One person or group should not monopolize the discussion. Debates are discouraged.

The Autonomous Ag Tractors AC

- The Board is asking the Advisory Committee to discuss issues such as:
 - Scope
 - Safety and Health Risks
 - Reliable data and data collection options
 - Safe Design of Equipment
 - Recommendations
 - The Best Path Forward

Rules and Expectations:

- At this time, we will not be discussing a rulemaking proposal.
- The committee is likely to discuss difficult, controversial and/or sensitive topics. So, please be kind to each other.
- All members must be given an opportunity to contribute their input.
- An agreement might not be reached, but recommendations can still be provided to the Board.

Rules and Expectations:

- Committee members will submit recommendations of topics that will be discussed at the May 8 & 9, AC meeting in Oakland
- Data needs to be reliable and useful. So, limit data to:
 - Nationally recognized (like Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)), or
 - Published and peer reviewed, or
 - Validated by a third party, or
 - Make recommendations for data collection-approaches

The AC will report back to the Board

- The Advisory Committee will provide a report back to the Board:
- Will share the meeting(s) outcome.
- Will make recommendations and suggest the best path forward.
- A summary of the preliminary findings from the March 26 and the May 8-9 meetings will be provided to Board Members at the June 19, 2025, OSHSB Board meeting in Los Angeles.

• Questions?