

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY  
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Date: February 11, 2020

To: Advisory Committee Member

Subject: Proposed Amendments for Title 8, California Code of Regulations, General Industry Safety Orders, Section 3657 and New Section 3458.2, Date Palm Operations.

You are invited to participate in an advisory committee to be convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff on the topic of lift truck-mounted engineered platforms used by employees engaged in date palm operations. The advisory committee will consider proposed amendments to Section 3657 and a new Section 3458.2.

On September 14, 2017, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) conditionally granted Petition 565, submitted by Mr. James Dufour, JD, CIH. In its decision, the Board directed staff to convene an advisory committee discussing the necessary safety and health protections to allow employees to perform date palm operations from atop an engineered platform attached to the forks of a lift truck.

The purpose of the advisory committee will be to consider recommended amendments to Title 8, which will best provide for the safe use of lift truck mounted engineered platforms. The advisory committee will be held at the following time and location:

Thursday, March 12, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (or until adjournment)  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Steve Robbins Administration Building Training Room  
75515 Hovley Lane E.  
Palm Desert, CA 92211

Enclosed are the agenda, advisory committee roster, draft proposal, and excerpts from ANSI B56.1-2018, addressing elevated platforms on lift trucks. For more information on the background of the rulemaking, see: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/petition-565.html>.

Please be prepared to discuss any cost impact to employers or affected industries that may result from the proposed standard. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send an alternate, if possible, or submit your written comments by Wednesday, March 4, 2020, for advisory committee consideration.

Your assistance is appreciated and I look forward to seeing you at the advisory committee meeting. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any items prior to the meeting, please contact me at (916) 274-5730 or at [dkernazitskas@dir.ca.gov](mailto:dkernazitskas@dir.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Agenda  
Advisory Committee Roster  
Regulatory text (draft proposal)  
Excerpts from ANSI B56.1-2018

cc: All Standards Board Members  
Christina Shupe, Executive Officer, OSHSB  
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Lara Paskins, Staff Services Manager I, OSHSB  
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