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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING AND BUSINESS MEETING

In the Matter of:)
May 19, 2022 OSH)
Standards Board Meeting)
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IN-PERSON & TELECONFERENCE

Attend the meeting in person:

Rancho Cordova City Hall Council Chambers

2729 Prospect Park Drive

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Teleconference Location: Hensel Phelps

12050 Pecos, Suite 100 BUILD Conference Room Westminster, CO 80234

THURSDAY, May 19, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Reported by: E. Hicks

APPEARANCES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT RANCHO CORDOVA CITY HALL:

Nola Kennedy, Acting Chair, Public Member Barbara Burgel, Occupational Health Representative Laura Stock, Occupational Safety Representative

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT HENSEL PHELPS:

Kathleen Crawford, Management Representative

BOARD STAFF PRESENT AT RANCHO CORDOVA CITY HALL:

Christina Shupe, Executive Officer Steve Smith, Principal Safety Engineer Autumn Gonzalez, Chief Counsel Lara Paskins, Staff Services Manager David Kernazitskas, Senior Safety Engineer Sarah Money, Executive Assistant Amalia Neidhardt, Senior Safety Engineer

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING VIA TELECONFERENCE AND/OR WEBEX:

Jennifer White, Regulatory Analyst

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Maya Morsi John E. Roensch John M. Roensch

ALSO PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE AND/OR WEBEX:

Eric Berg, Deputy Chief of Health, Cal/OSHA

SPANISH INTERPRETERS:

Patricia Hyatt Estela Moll

PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTERS: (*Online testimony)

Bruce Wick, Housing Contractors of California Michael Miiller, California Association of Winegrape Growers *AnaStacia Nicol Wright, Worksafe *Michael Strunk, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 Helen Cleary, Phylmar Regulatory Roundtable (PRR, OSH Forum)

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1	PROCEDINGS
2	May 19, 2022 10:01 A.M.
3	A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Good morning. This meeting of
4	the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board is now
5	called to order. I'm Nola Kennedy, Acting Chair for
6	today's meeting. And the other Board Members present here
7	in Rancho Cordova are Ms. Barbara Burgel, Occupational
8	Health Representative; Ms. Laura Stock, Occupational Safety
9	Representative. The Board Member attending via
10	teleconference from Westminster, Colorado, is Kate
11	Crawford, Management Representative.
12	Also present here in Rancho Cordova from our
13	staff are Ms. Christina Shupe, Executive Officer; Mr. Steve
14	Smith, Principal Safety Engineer; Ms. Autumn Gonzalez,
15	Chief Counsel; Ms. Lara Paskins, Staff Services Manager;
16	Mr. David Kernazitskas, Senior Safety Engineer; Ms. Sarah
17	Money, Executive Assistant; and Ms. Amalia Neidhardt,
18	Senior Safety Engineer who is providing translation
19	services for our commenters who are native Spanish
20	speakers.
21	Joining us via Webex from Cal/OSHA is Mr. Eric
22	Berg, Deputy Chief of Health.
23	Supporting the meeting remotely is Ms. Jennifer
24	White, Regulatory Analyst.
25	Copies of the agenda and other materials related
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to today's proceeding are available on the table near the
 entrance to the room and are posted on the OSHSB website.

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like to address any occupational safety and health issue,
 including any of the items on our business meeting agenda,
 may do so when I invite public comments.

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When public comment begins, we are going to alternate between three in-person and three remote commenters. We ask for your patience as we navigate this new process.

When the Board Chair asks for public testimony in-person commenters number one through three should line up near the podium. When it is your turn to speak announce yourself to the Board prior to delivering your comment. Any in-person commenters who have not yet been added to the comment list and received a number should see Lara Paskins when public comment begins.

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14 hold a business meeting to act on those items listed on the 15 business meeting agenda.

16 Oh, is that it?

MS. SHUPE: (Indiscernible.) Just one moment.
A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Do we need Amalia?

MS. SHUPE: Yeah. So at this time, Amalia, willyou please translate? Oh no, I'm sorry.

21 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: We're just finished with this

22 part.

23 (Overlapping colloquy.)

24 MS. SHUPE: You'll want to go ahead and continue 25 with the public meeting.

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A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Announce the public meeting?
 MS. SHUPE: Yes.

A/CHAIR KENNEDY: We will now proceed with the 3 public meeting. Anyone who wishes to address the Board 4 5 regarding matters pertaining to occupational safety and 6 health is invited to comment, except however, the Board 7 does not entertain comments regarding variance decisions. 8 The Board's variance hearings are administrative hearings 9 where procedural due process rights are carefully Therefore, we will not grant requests to 10 preserved. 11 address the Board on variance matters.

12 At this time anyone who would like to comment on 13 any matters concerning occupational safety and health will 14 have the opportunity to speak.

For our commenters who are native Spanish speakers, we are working with Ms. Amalia Neidhardt to provide a translation of their statements into English for the Board. At this time, Ms. Neidhardt will provide instructions to the Spanish-speaking commenters, so they are aware of the public comment process for today's meeting.

MS. NEIDHARDT: [READS THE FOLLOWING IN SPANISH]
Public Comment Instructions.

24 "Good morning and thank you for participating in 25 today's Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board

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24 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Neidhardt.

25 If there are in-person participants who would

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1 like to comment on any matters concerning occupational 2 safety and health, please line up at this time. We will 3 start with the first three-in person speakers, and then we 4 will go to the first three speakers in the teleconference 5 and videoconference queue.

6 MR. WICK: Okay. Thank you. Acting Chair 7 Kennedy, Board Members and remote Board Member Crawford --8 is that how we talk to you -- thank you for the 9 opportunity. Bruce Wick with the Housing Contractors of 10 California. Very nice to be in-person again and this is 11 much better.

I would like to comment on the SRIA that was just posted on the extension apparently, or the permanent COVID reg. We have seen from this Board and its staff, transparency. We have consistently also seen from the Cal/OSHA Appeals Board, transparency. That's a hallmark of good governance.

18 We continue to see its lack, I'm sorry to say, 19 from the Division. That makes your job harder, our jobs 20 harder, your staff's jobs harder. And the problem when 21 there's not transparency, you send messages that aren't 22 good. Some people will interpret the lack of transparency 23 as this req is not important enough to get engaged with all 24 the stakeholders. Others will say you are hiding 25 something. Those are not good outcomes of a lack of

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1 transparency.

The first item of it was that here is a regulation that will affect 1.6 million establishments, as it says, 60.5 million employees. And there is no announcement of it, it's just posted on the major regulatory website. Wouldn't you want stakeholders to know? Why wouldn't DIR say, "We've posted this SRIA. Check it out, read it."

9 The SRIA does not identify who prepared it. 10 Wouldn't that be important for all of us to know who 11 actually prepared this thing? It does not identify the 12 regulation that they are basing this SRIA on. They 13 reference 3203, they reference 3205, and down the line. 14 But is that the current reg? The previous? The third 15 readoption, or what? That should be apparent.

And on page 7 it says, "Data from the number of cases hospitalizations and deaths is not currently available. However, the numbers are likely substantial, particularly among essential workers." "The numbers are likely substantial," 85 pages and that's the best they can do on what is the occupational influence.

And we've talked about this, but that they would make 111 different references to data and reports, and not one of them talk about the Workers' Comp data. That is usually the first data you look at: how many Workers' Comp

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1 claims, how many, what's the severity? And the numbers are 2 significant. And I understand you may want to temper the 3 number reported claims when there is COVID exclusion pay 4 and paid sick leave, those kinds of things. But of 8.5 5 million cases 45 percent of our population is in the 6 working population. So if the occupation was the same as 7 public health or worse, it would be 45 percent or more, the 8 number of cases is 3 percent of that 8.5 million. Even if 9 you double that amount it's still hugely below any average. 10 And that should have been calculated in the SRIA, some 11 number relevant to that. We should know those numbers.

12 And sadly, and it's horrible, that in America 13 we've lost over a million people to COVID, and we've lost 89,000 Californians. But of those, and I don't think 14 15 deaths in Workers' Comp are underreported, because 16 certainly it is a tradic, horrible event and somebody is 17 going to seek Workers' Comp. Those are 1.6 percent of the 18 fatalities in this state. And we know a huge number of 19 that is our very incredibly heroic first responders, 20 healthcare workers, and a couple of industries that needed 21 to be really dealt with early on in this pandemic. So the 22 fact that the SRIA references none of that information, 23 what kind of message is the Division sending? 24 So I would hope you as a Board, I'm sure not sure

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what word I would use, I would implore you to tell the

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Division they're not doing -- if they're serious about a COVID reg they need to up their game on transparency, information, and engagement of all the stakeholders. That way your job when this regulation comes before you will be -- will go much better and clearer. And the stakeholder community can be really engaged with the information they need to conduct that engagement. Thank you.

8 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

9 MR. MIILLER: Good morning, Chair, Members, and 10 staff. It's great seeing you in person and remotely as 11 well. And I appreciate your time and your efforts and 12 thank you for your time in allowing me to speak today. My 13 name is Michael Miiller, I'm with the California 14 Association of Winegrape Growers. I'd like to speak 15 briefly about two issues today.

16 First, I'd like to talk about the petition before 17 the Board relative to autonomous tractors. And also, I'd 18 like to talk about the proposed permanent regulation for 19 COVID, which was just discussed.

First, on autonomous tractors, Petition 596 was filed by Monarch Tractors on December 30, and I believe it will likely be on the Board's agenda coming up in the June meeting. I won't restate my previous support for the petition in our letter that was submitted as well as previous testimony. Suffice it to say we feel that this

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equipment is safe, our employees want it, they look forward
 to using it. And we know that it will create higher paying
 jobs with transferable skills.

I appreciate that at this time this Board may not be willing to approve the petition as is, but I do ask that if it is rejected that the Board consider putting together an advisory committee to look further into the issue and to get more information.

9 And just more frequently adopt -- this Board and 10 other boards frankly adopt and change regulations. Ι 11 always advise our members the one true constant in the world of regulations is change. There is always going to 12 13 be change except for this regulation. This regulation has 14 been here for 50 years and has not been changed. Our 15 founders 250 years ago stated a very guiding principle of 16 this nation, that institutions must advance to keep pace 17 with the times.

18 So if it is rejected, please consider putting 19 together the advisory committee. That committee could 20 include stakeholders representing employees, employers, 21 manufacturers, workplace safety experts. They can have 22 meetings, come back to this committee with -- potentially 23 come back with a recommendation that the Board could 24 consider in how to adopt this regulation to reflect the 25 science and technology that is available today.

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And I would appreciate your consideration. If you do that, I would be happy to volunteer to serve on that committee representing the winegrape growers who look forward to using this equipment one day.

5 I also want to comment on the proposed regulation 6 for COVID-19 prevention in the workplace. Last month the 7 Division released the Standardized Regulatory Impact 8 Assessment of the proposed regulation. I'd like to comment 9 specifically on the SRIA. The SRIA provides only a summary 10 of the proposed regulation, it does not include the actual 11 language of the regulation. We believe it would be 12 advantageous for the Board and for the public to see that 13 language as soon as possible.

If the Division has concluded that the pandemic is here to stay and would need a pandemic regulation, then we need to see that regulation as soon as possible so that we can be prepared to implement that regulation if it is approved.

19 The SRIA makes several alarming statements that 20 deserves serious consideration and evaluation. On page 7 21 the SRIA states, "Data from the number of cases for COVID-22 19 infection and the number of hospitalizations and deaths 23 attributable to workplace exposure to COVID-19 is not 24 currently available." One might think that over the last 25 two years someone would have collected data on such an

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1 important issue.

I want to piggyback a little bit on what Bruce said, and I want to remind everybody here that when you created a subcommittee almost a year ago members of this Board and the public asked for that data over and over and over again. And now we have an April SRIA document the Division says no data is available.

Additionally, on the same page the SRIA acknowledges that COVID is a community-spread virus and is not unique to the workplace. The SRIA states, "Employees infected with COVID-19 at work can transmit the infection to persons in their homes and communities resulting in an increase in infection rates." This is without regard to whether the employee contracted COVID at work.

15 On page 8 the SRIA concludes "This proposed 16 regulation would significantly reduce the number of COVID-17 19 related illnesses, disabilities, and deaths in 18 California's workforce. I want to repeat that, 19 "significantly reduce the number of COVID-19 related 20 illnesses, disabilities, and deaths." This statement is 21 absent any data, which is acknowledged in the SRIA of the 22 original data and ignores the acknowledgement in the SRIA 23 that the virus is community-spread.

Now I took an economics course in college,
economic statistics. If any student in that class came up

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1 with such an unsupportable conclusion like that, that 2 person would have gotten an F. That's not how these things 3 are supposed to work. And I respect that we live in a 4 world where you have hyperbolic statements that are found 5 on talk shows on both sides of the spectrum or whatever, 6 but such a hyperbolic statement should not be in a public 7 document like this. We need data. We need conclusions 8 based on data and science.

9 The SRIA ignores the Governor's SMARTER Plan and 10 epidemiology that now approach COVID as an endemic. 11 Meaning, yes, COVID may be here for awhile, but vaccines 12 work, and we can save lives without the pandemic-based 13 restrictions anymore. Just yesterday Governor Newsom got 14 his second booster shot and publicly encouraged everybody 15 to get vaccines and boosted, because it works. Our 16 employers are continually encouraging our employees to get 17 vaccinations and boosted, because they work. We help 18 facilitate those with our community groups, with local 19 health officials, with clinics and all of that. That is 20 what we need going forward.

I have a lot more to say about the SRIA, but I will save those comments for our future meetings. The one thing that I know is that the more we all read the SRIA the more we'll all understand what it says. And that when you look at the whole thing together one has to conclude that a 22

1 permanent regulation is not the way to go. Thank you for 2 your time.

3 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

4 Ms. Morsi, who are our first three remote5 commenters in the gueue?

6 MS. MORSI: First up is AnaStacia Nicol Wright 7 followed by Michael Strunk and Bruce Wick. So first up is 8 AnaStacia with Worksafe.

9 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: AnaStacia, are you there?
10 MS. NICOL WRIGHT: Can you guys hear me?
11 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

MS. NICOL WRIGHT: Do you want me to speak?
A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, go ahead AnaStacia.

14 MS. NICOL WRIGHT: Okay. Thank you all for 15 inviting me to speak today. So good morning to the Board 16 Chair, the Board Members, and everybody in attendance. Ι 17 wanted to use my time today to talk about, or rather bring 18 to the Board's attention to some of Cal/OSHA's recent COVID 19 citations. We often hear here that health and safety 20 regulations need to just target these small number of bad 21 actor employers and the few lawbreakers without burdening 22 the mainstream majority of businesses who are in 23 compliance. And the goal here is not to vilify, but just 24 to paint a picture that's a factual picture for the Board, 25 on the range of violations that exists and to underscore

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the vital need for continued effective worker protections
 across California.

So on May -- oh I'm sorry, not May -- on March
21st Cal/OSHA cited Alameda County Probation Department,
the Juvenile Justice Center in San Leandro, for a fatality.
It was \$1,025.00. And Walsh Vineyards in Napa for an
accident, they were cited for \$5,400.00.

8 On March 18th Cal/OSHA cited Aero-Electric 9 Connectors in Torrance for a fatality. They were cited for 10 \$1,200.00. And on March 16th Cal/OSHA cited Dixon Unified 11 School District for a fatality and they didn't have to pay 12 anything. Jack in the Box in Santa Clara was also cited 13 the same day for a complaint, and they had to pay 14 \$1,200.00.

15 On March 15th Cal/OSHA cited Lockheed Martin 16 Aeronautics Company for an accident and they had to pay 17 \$13,435.00. Saugus Union School District was also cited 18 for an accident, and they had to pay \$8,775.00.

On March 10th Cal/OSHA cited Bay Area Sports
Catering Oakland A for a fatality and they were cited for
\$1,020.00. The California Department of Public Health,
Licensing and Verification District Office in Fresno, they
were cited for a complaint for \$8,435.00. Calvary
Christian Academy in San Jose, they were cited for a
complaint for \$63,000.00.

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On March 9th Cal/OSHA cited Friendly Wash Coin
 Laundry in Hayward for \$4,725.00.

3 On March 8th Cal/OSHA cited Frazier Farms Market4 in Vista for a complaint of \$6,075.00.

5 On March 3rd Cal/OSHA cited Computer Integrated 6 Machining in Santee for an accident, \$9000.00. Butler 7 Amusements in Fresno for an accident, \$14,000.00. And CB 8 Manufacturing/Pepsi Beverages Company in Fresno for a 9 fatality for \$24,000.00.

10 So one thing that jumps out for me from all of 11 these, this citation data, is how many mainstream 12 employers, including public agencies, were present. 13 Despite our best efforts as advocates what the pandemic conditions have actually looked like for workers at these 14 15 mainstream bad actor employers like warehouses, retail, 16 agriculture, it's still not even largely visible to us, 17 Cal/OSHA or the Board. The citations I list just give us a 18 small window and so what workers are facing.

Additionally, I'll say a bad actor is not a bad actor until they do something bad. So because of this the idea that health and safety regulations need to only target them is, respectfully, backwards. We need strong health and safety regulations so that workplaces are implementing conditions to prevent bad acts from occurring. So I hope the citation data was insightful to everybody. Thank you

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1 all for your time.

A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, AnaStacia.
MS. MORSI: Next up is Michael Strunk with
International Union of Operating Engineers.

5 MR. STRUNK: Hi. Good morning, Standards Board 6 and Acting Chair. I'm Michael Strunk, the Director of 7 Safety for the International Union of Operating Engineers, 8 Local Unit No. 3. Thank you for the opportunity to address 9 you last month regarding the experimental temporary 10 variance for Petition 596 for autonomous tractors.

Since our last meeting we've been approached by the petitioner, its lobbyists and the media. While we remain opposed to the use of automated machinery without an operator, particularly given the spike in semiautomated passenger car fatalities, we appreciate the dialogue and the opportunity for an ongoing discussion. Thank you for your time.

18 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

19 Are there commenters in the queue after Bruce 20 Wick?

MS. MORSI: We do not have any more commenters.
Actually, you know what -- yeah no, we're done. We're
good.

24 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: All right I can skip that.25 If anyone participating remotely was unable to

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join the comment queue and would like to comment, please unmute yourself and state your name and affiliation as you would like it to be listed in the record.

MS. SHUPE: We have more in-person commenters.
A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah? All right looks like we
have another in-person commenter.

MS. CLEARY: Thank you, thank you. My name is Helen Cleary, I am the Director of the Phylmar Regulatory Roundtable Occupational Safety and Health Forum. I wasn't planning to speak today, so thank you for letting me in last minute.

I just wanted to kind of dovetail on what Michael Miiller and Bruce Wick were saying about the SRIA and ask for some clarification on just what is the process?

15 The SRIA was built off of a regulation. It's 16 been posted, and so there is a draft that's out there. 17 From the language in the SRIA it looks like it's based off 18 of the discussion draft from September. But we assume that 19 there have been changes since that advisory committee 20 meeting in September, so if we could request some clarity 21 on where is it? When can we expect to see it? What is 22 that process? And when will it get released, so we can try to get ahead of it? I've reached out to the Division. 23 Ι 24 haven't heard anything so maybe the Board can facilitate 25 some discussion today with the Division on that.

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And that's it. Thank you very much, it's nice to
 see everybody.

3 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

Christina, can we respond to that now or later?
MS. SHUPE: (Indiscernible) during public
comment.

A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Are there any other
commenters, either in person or in the queue? No? Okay.
Thank you.

10 Thank you, the Board appreciates your testimony.11 The public meeting is adjourned, and the record is closed.

12 We'll now proceed with the business meeting. The 13 purpose of the business meeting is to allow the Board to 14 vote on the matters before it and to receive briefings from 15 staff regarding the issues listed on the business meeting 16 agenda. Public comment is not accepted during the business 17 meeting unless a member of the Board specifically requests 18 public input.

First up is a proposed petition decision for adoption, Matthew Cross, Petition File Number 595. The petition requests to add a new standard to General Industry Safety Orders to require manual material handling carts include a built-in or self-contained means of securing the handholds. The handholds must be secured prior to transporting the load and capable of withstanding the

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1 expected forces based on the cart capacity and ground 2 conditions.

The proposal would also require MMH cart manufacturers to notify employers who have purchased nonconforming MMH carts to replace or phase out their nonconforming carts.

7 Ms. Shupe, will you please brief the Board. 8 MS. SHUPE: Thank you, Chair Kennedy. 9 Petition 595 before you today has been evaluated 10 by both Board staff and the Division staff. You'll find 11 that both evaluations were included in your Board packets, 12 and that the proposed decision before you today concurs 13 with both the staff evaluation and the Division evaluation 14 that existing Title 8 protections address the concerns 15 raised in the petition. Therefore, the proposed decision 16 before you today recommends denial. It's now ready for 17 your consideration and discussions.

18 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: All right. Do I have a motion19 to adopt the petition decision?

20 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: So moved.

21 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Second.

A/CHAIR KENNEDY: All right. Did you get that Sarah? Okay. It has been moved and seconded that the Board adopt the petition decision. Does the Board have any points for discussion?

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1 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: I would like to just add a 2 thank-you to the Petitioner. I was impressed with the 3 facts that the Petitioner had conducted a survey within his employer. And presented that data of injuries and concerns 4 5 around the non-permanent removable handles of these 6 material manual carts. So I just wanted to thank the 7 Petitioner for his concerns and data. 8 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Any other comment or 9 discussion? 10 All right, Ms. Money, will you please call the roll? 11 MS. MONEY: So I have Ms. Stock as the motion and 12 Ms. Burgel is second; is that correct? 13 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, that is correct. 14 MS. MONEY: Ms. Burgel? 15 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: And so I am voting yes to 16 deny the petition. 17 MS. MONEY: Ms. Crawford? 18 BOARD MEMBER CRAWFORD: Can we just make that 19 clarification that I am also voting yes to deny the 20 petition? 21 MS. MONEY: Ms. Stock? 22 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Aye. 23 MS. MONEY: Acting Chair Kennedy? 24 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Aye. 25 The motion passes. The motion to deny passes. 30

1 All right, next we have proposed variance 2 decisions for adoption, and they are listed on the Consent 3 Calendar. Ms. Gonzalez, will you please brief the Board? 4 MS. GONZALEZ: Good morning, Board Members. 5 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: We can't hear you. 6 (Audio difficulties.) MS. GONZALEZ: I think it's on now. 7 8 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. 9 MS. GONZALEZ: Good morning, Board Members. For 10 your consideration today in your vote we have Decisions 1 11 through 53, but with the exception of number 3 did not 12 actually go to hearing this month. So with the exception 13 of 3, 1 through 53. 14 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: (Indiscernible.) I just 15 wanted to -- the first variance is a deny, correct? And 16 everything else is a grant. 17 MS. GONZALEZ: That's correct. Thanks for 18 pointing that one out. 19 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Are there any other questions 20 from the Board for Ms. Gonzalez? All right do I have a 21 motion to adopt the Consent Calendar? 22 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: So moved. 23 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Second? 24 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Second. A/CHAIR KENNEDY: It has been moved and seconded 25 31

1	that the Board adopt the Consent Calendar as proposed. Ms.
2	Money will you please call the roll?
3	MS. MONEY: So I have Ms. Stock as the motion and
4	who is second? Ms. Burgel, okay.
5	Ms. Burgel?
6	BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Aye.
7	MS. MONEY: Ms. Crawford?
8	BOARD MEMBER CRAWFORD: Aye.
9	MS. MONEY: Ms. Stock?
10	BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Aye.
11	MS. MONEY: Acting Chair Kennedy?
12	A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Aye.
13	The motion passes. The motion passes.
14	We're moving on to updates, the Division Update.
15	Mr. Berg, will you please brief the Board?
16	MR. BERG: All right. Thank you very much. So
17	the Board's in previous meetings requested information on
18	workplace violence in general industry. So we did update
19	the proposed draft or discussion draft language and it's
20	available for everyone to view and it's now emailed. So we
21	expect people to look at that and provide us some comments
22	on what they think of the language or any changes they'd
23	like to the language, so that's now posted. This is the, I
24	believe it's the third version discussion draft language
25	for workplace violence. And so that was posted yesterday,
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1 the new language.

2 And as commenters mentioned today, the Division 3 submitted the Standardized Regulatory Impact Assessment for 4 the non-emergency COVID regulation. The Department of 5 Finance posted that on their website. And so we're also 6 working on getting the draft language posted, but it will 7 go through the normal rulemaking. Regardless, it will go 8 through the normal rulemaking with a 45-day comment period 9 and a normal rulemaking and public availability and 10 discussion. 11 That's all I have. Thank you. 12 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Are there any questions from 13 the Board for Mr. Berg? BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Hi, I have a question. 14 15 Eric, just to follow up on the SRIA on the comments that 16 were made today, when you say there's a 25-day comment 17 period when does that -- I mean, could you just explicate 18 exactly the timeline going forward? Is it --19 MR. BERG: I'm sorry, it's 45. It's not 25, it's 20 45. 21 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: -- oh 45, okay. And that 22 has started when it was initially posted or no? This is a draft (Overlapping colloquy.) --23 24 MR. BERG: No, no, it hasn't started. When the rulemaking begins that will start at the Standards Board. 25 33 **CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC**

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Staff will (indiscernible) the normal process like we do for any regulation where it gets sent to the OAL and gets posted and there's a 45-day comment period. And they have a public hearing at the Standards Board meeting at the end of the 45-day period just like we do for every other regulation, no difference here. It's exactly the same.

7 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay, I'm a little
8 confused.

9 MS. SHUPE: Eric, I might be able to help here. 10 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: All right, thank you. 11 MS. SHUPE: So the draft language, the SRIA is 12 part of pre-rulemaking activities. We haven't actually 13 engaged in official rulemaking on the COVID-19 permanent 14 standard yet. And so once we receive that draft language 15 from the Division, we will go through our review process. 16 We'll submit it for our SAR (phonetic) approval. And then 17 once we have that we'll then notice it for the public. 18 It'll be a 45-day public comment period. We'll have a 19 public hearing at a Board meeting. And then the Division 20 will take those comments and provide responses to comments. 21 And if they decide to amend in any way the draft, then 22 we'll have a 15-day follow-up public comment period. 23 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay. So when is the 24 timeline for the proposed permanent language? Have we seen 25 that?

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MS. SHUPE: So our expectation -- (Overlapping colloquy.) Well, we don't have a timeline for the proposed draft yet. As Eric stated they're still finalizing that.

4 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay.

5 MS. SHUPE: But my understanding is that they 6 hope to have that posted in the near future. Our timeline 7 for the regulation adoption would be by our December Board 8 meeting.

9 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay. And so just to
10 clarify the SRIA language or the SRIA document, which I
11 have not looked at, has been posted. That's not a draft.
12 That's the final SRIA based on which version? Do we know
13 which version it was based on of the temporary --

MS. SHUPE: Eric, do you want to address that?
BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: -- COVID reg? Wasn't that
the question I think that was brought up today.

17 MR. BERG: Yeah, we're working on getting it - it 18 was initially posted, I think, in the September of last 19 year. And there has been some changes, so we're working on 20 getting them posted. But it's based on updated language 21 from that last September when that was posted.

And then the SRIA, the Department of Finance just received the initial SRIA. And so they have 30 days to review and make comments, so there might be changes from some of the comments. That depends on the Department of

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Finance. They're still doing their review. So the
 Department of Finance is the agency that posted the SRIA
 and it's the agency that's reviewing it now.

4 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay. Thank you. 5 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Laura, did you have a guestion? 6 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Yes, I have a question. 7 It's not about the SRIA, but I just -- and maybe this is 8 overlapping with future agenda items. But it would be good 9 in the next month or maybe two, depending on 10 (indiscernible) or when this data would be available to get 11 some reports from the Division if possible, on enforcement 12 of the COVID req? We recently changed it. We recently 13 have a new approach in terms of including reference to 14 CDPH. And it would be helpful to hear a report from the 15 Division at some point in the next couple of months on enforcement activity. And any data you have about how that 16 17 may have been impacted or changed as a result of this, the 18 latest version. Would it be possible to get some

19 information on that?

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I mean, I know it's just been recently put into place, so next month perhaps would be too early. But I don't know whether we might be able to have a report like that in the month after. And, Eric, do you think would that data be available to report back to us?

> MR. BERG: In two months? I don't think there's 36 CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 229 Napa Street, Rodeo, California 94572 (510) 224-4476

1 that much enforcement data on the May 6th version, but I'll 2 ask the enforcement branch to report what data they even 3 have. (Overlapping colloquy.) But I don't think there 4 will be that much. Sorry, go ahead.

5 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: No.

6 MR. BERG: All right, I don't think there's be 7 that much enforcement data in two months based on the May 8 6th version. But like I said I can ask them. I mean, it 9 takes some time for investigations to be conducted and then 10 citations to be issued, if any. And so that just takes 11 some time to get done.

BOARD MEMBER STOCK: And is it possible to get reports even before citations are issued on complaints filed?

15 MR. BERG: On what type of reports?

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BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Well, what you're saying is that it takes -- I know it takes quite a while when there's been a complaint and then until an actual citation is issued it can be several months. Is there any earlier data that would be available related to how whether there has been more, or fewer complaints related to COVID over these couple of months?

23 MR. BERG: Yeah, we should have data on number of24 complaints. So I can ask the enforcement branch.

BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Yes. That would be great.

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1 That would be great, and then just sort of on the 2 data question, because I know a number of people have mentioned it and, of course, as we all know it's community-3 4 spread. But when somebody from the community goes into the 5 workplace it becomes a workplace exposure, so very 6 integrated. And so I quess at the same time, it is good 7 for us to be following case information and being able to 8 get sort of updates as we can. And maybe at some point 9 going forward we would be able to invite -- I don't know 10 how possible this is -- to just try to get any kind of 11 information from CDPH. I know we had that information when 12 we had the COVID subcommittee to have reports on case 13 rates. And so I just want to put out that I think 14 continuing to collect data on what's happening in the 15 workplace would be really helpful over the next few months. 16 Thank you. 17 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Crawford?

18 BOARD MEMBER CRAWFORD: Okay, Eric, this is Kate. 19 Yeah, I just have a basic question and it's kind of an 20 education question. So one of the stakeholders, I think it 21 was Mr. Wick, brought up that there wasn't an author 22 referenced on the SRIA. Is that something that is 23 typically referenced, is the person that put it together? 24 MR. BERG: I've only done a couple of SRIAs, so I'd have to look at them. So I don't know the answer off 25

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1 the top of my head, sorry.

BOARD MEMBER CRAWFORD: So can you tell us who authored this SRIA?

4 MR. BERG: All I know is a lot of people were 5 involved, so I just don't know all the names off the top of 6 my head.

BOARD MEMBER CRAWFORD: Well, okay. So the message was about transparency and I'm just trying to prove a point on that as well. (Overlapping colloquy.) I think that there is a piece of it that is imperative for all of the stakeholders and the reputations of the Division and the Board that it is a completely transparent through this whole process.

MR. BERG: I mean, it's the Division of Occupational Safety and Health and the Cal/OSHA is the ultimately author. There's many people from the Division. And then contractors, because DIR has the contractors as well that help. So do you want a list of all the names; is that what you would like? I can ask for that.

20 MS. SHUPE: I think it might be helpful to 21 understand perhaps the scope of the work that goes into 22 SRIAS. These aren't drafted by an individual person. 23 We're talking about regulations that have potential fiscal 24 impacts in the billions of dollars. And so when Eric says 25 the Division of Occupational Safety and Health is the

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1 author, what he really means is that there's been an entire 2 team working on this. It's not just one person that you 3 would point to and say, "This is the person."

BOARD MEMBER CRAWFORD: Understood, understood. I was trying to put a point on this message that we heard so loud and clear about transparency. So I do understand that all of these things are the participation of many people. (Overlapping colloquy.) But again, this is part of that public trust piece.

10 MR. BERG: If you would like a list of every11 single person that worked on it, I can ask for that.

BOARD MEMBER CRAWFORD: Well that doesn't seem like it's a perfect use of your time, Eric. But I think I would prefer that you worked on the data ask.

MR. BERG: Oh, okay.

16 BOARD MEMBER CRAWFORD: Thank you.

17 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: I also would be -- I'm 18 going to look at the SRIA -- but I'm sort of surprised that 19 there was no data around what we do go around occupational 20 transmission, specific around the outbreak data that was 21 presented to the committee.

And then also Mr. Wick's comments around Workers' Compensation data, I mean death data I think is pretty accurate in the occupational fatality perspective. Again, COVID, determining whether something is a work-related

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COVID transmission takes time. I did that for 11 months
 for a large employer and gathering data from someone who's
 sick with COVID isn't often available immediately.

4 When I was working in COVID response the employer 5 would notify everyone of the opportunity to file a Workers' 6 Compensation claim, they gave a 24-hour notice in the event 7 that the individual thought their case was transmitted or 8 caused from their work activities. And then we got a 9 little bit more refined. But at that point in time, I 10 mean, we had 30-40,000 -- no, 30,000 employees, and 11 probably a third of our cases, which included healthcare, 12 were identified to be most likely occupationally related, 13 but that was early on in the pandemic.

14 And so I would hazard to say that currently we 15 would hope workplace protections are better and we should 16 see fewer workplace transmissions. But again, we've 17 released the mask mandates, and so we might see a -- so 18 again, I would think that we would have some better data of 19 now thing did early on the pandemic. So I know it's tough 20 though. It's tough to get our hands on that. But I do 21 believe there's lots of research to support there is 22 underreported of work-related injuries and illnesses. 23 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Yeah, and just to second what Barbara said about Workers' Comp. And I know we have 24

25 contact with many people and both employers and workers.

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1 And know that Workers' Comp is always an under-report. 2 Many, many people don't know their rights or are afraid to 3 file Workers' Comp because of fear of retaliation; many, many barriers. That doesn't mean that that data is not 4 5 valuable to look at. It seems like there's no reason not 6 to include what is there. But in my mind, it would have to 7 come with a caveat that it's under-reported. But I have also not seen the SRIA yet, but I agree. 8

9 And there has been a lot of data around workplace outbreaks. We've looked at this on the Board. We've had 10 11 testimony about it. And I would be expecting that that 12 would be in there. Again, I have not seen it, but it does 13 feel like there should and could be data available to 14 document the impact of COVID in the workplace. So I look 15 forward to reading it myself. I will be surprised if that data isn't in there. But if not, that may be something 16 17 that we can also supplement in some way. Or just relying 18 on data and testimony that's already been provided over the 19 last two years to this Board about outbreaks and other 20 experiences in the workplace. So thanks.

21 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Any other questions from the 22 Board? All right let's move on to the -- thank you, Mr. 23 Berg -- let's move on to the Legislative Update.

24 Ms. Gonzalez, will you please brief the Board? MS. GONZALEZ: Thank you. We continue to monitor 25

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1 a number of bills. We're in an active legislative session 2 right now, so a lot of the bills that are on your list are 3 being heard by a committee. If you're interested in a 4 particular bill and want me to pull up the next hearing 5 date or something like that for you, I'd be happy to do it. 6 Let me know. But nothing in particular to report. All of 7 these bills are just moving along in the process.

8 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Are there any questions for Ms.
9 Gonzalez? (No audible response.) Thank you, Ms. Gonzalez.

10 Now for the Executive Officer's Report. Ms.11 Shupe, will you please brief the Board?

12 MS. SHUPE: Thank you, Chair Kennedy.

13 So first and foremost, I'd like to thank 14 everybody for your patience with us today. As you see, we 15 have a few kinks to work out in our hybrid meetings with 16 the start and juggling different pieces as we try to make 17 them as smooth as possible. I want to thank, again, TKO 18 for all of their efforts. And again, all of the Standards 19 Board staff, but especially our stakeholders and our 20 participants for being so flexible and patient. So thank 21 you for that.

Looking forward to June, OSHSB staff will be holding an advisory committee meeting on June 9th. They'll be reviewing the latest editions of NFPA standards that relate to sections 3401 through 3407, and 3410 and 3411 for 43

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Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment. The Board may
 recall that you just recently passed regulations to update
 Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment. This is the
 very beginning of the next round to keep those in line with
 NFPA standards.

6 And then at next month's Board meeting you'll 7 consider Petition 596, which seeks amendments to section 8 3441(b), to allow the use of driver-optional tractors 9 without a human operator stationed at the vehicle controls. 10 Are there any questions?

BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: I have a question. Is the advisory board for the NFPA, is that specific to wildland firefighters or is it open?

MS. SHUPE: No, it's open. It's for allfirefighter protective equipment.

16 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay. So it will include 17 the whole issue of respiratory protection for wildland 18 firefighters?

MS. SHUPE: Actually, the Division will be doinga separate rulemaking specific to the respiratory

21 protection piece.

BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: So there'll be two advisoryprocesses.

24 MS. SHUPE: There will indeed.

25 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Thank you.

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1 MS. SHUPE: And I believe that the Division's 2 respiratory protection advisory committee meeting is 3 happening very soon, perhaps even before June 9th. So 4 we've worked together to try to move these packages along 5 quite quickly. 6 Oh, Eric. 7 MR. BERG: Oh, I just (indiscernible) May 25th is 8 our advisory committee on respiratory protection for 9 wildfire smoke. 10 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you Ms. Shupe and Mr. 11 Berg. Are there any other questions? 12 All right, New Business. Do any of the Board 13 Members have questions for staff or items that they would 14 like to propose for future Board agenda? 15 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: I made some suggestions in 16 my previous comments to Eric, which I think I saw you note 17 Christina, so. MS. SHUPE: I did indeed. Thank you. 18 19 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: All right. Ms. Gonzalez and 20 Ms. Shupe, does the Board need to go into closed session 21 today? 22 MS. SHUPE: At this time there has not arisen a 23 need for closed session. 24 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. 25 I think the meeting is adjourned, correct?

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1 (Overlapping colloquy, laughter.) Thank you.

2 MS. SHUPE: You'll want to go ahead and read the 3 --

A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. We're not reallyadjourned, sorry.

6 The next Standards Board regular meeting is 7 scheduled for June 16th, 2022, in Sacramento and via 8 teleconference and videoconference. Please visit the OSHSB 9 website and join our mailing list to receive the latest 10 updates.

We thank you for your attendance today. There being no further business -- oh, I'm getting a tap on the table. Yes?

MS. SHUPE: I just wanted to note for all of our stakeholders normally we only notice our meetings a month in advance. But we will be meeting in San Diego in July. And I know that for those of our stakeholders who plan to travel, sometimes that's a difficult travel destination. So I wanted to note that for everybody now.

20 A/CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I think there's a big21 convention that month.

All right, there being no further business to attend to now we're adjourned.

24 (The Business Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.) 25

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