

MINUTES of Inter-Agency Agriculture Compliance Committee meeting held on February 12, 2015

Location:

Employment Standards Branch office - Langley

Attendees:

Carol-Anne Boufford, WorkSafeBC
Mike Nielsen, WorkSafeBC
Doug Pasco, WorkSafeBC
Bruce Calbick, CVSE
Melanie Zabel, ESB (chair)
Amanda Clark-Welder, ESB
Jas Uppal, ESB
Karm Mann, ESB

Meeting was brought to order at 1:00 p.m.

New members of the committee were introduced: Mike Nielsen, Doug Pasco, Melanie Zabel, Amanda Clark-Welder, Jas Uppal, and Karm Mann.

Bruce Calbick gave a general overview of the Terms of Reference.

Roadside Inspections:

- CVSE will determine dates for the 2015 roadside inspections and will send to the other committee members for review by February 26, 2015.
- Options to provide portable bathrooms during roadside inspections for farm workers were discussed.

Quarterly Statistical Reporting:

- CVSE and WorkSafeBC will review their reporting of serious deficiencies in regards to roadside inspections.
- ESB will continue to publish quarterly statistics on the website:
<http://www.gov.bc.ca/farmworkers/statistics.html>

Annual Information Session for Employers of Farm Workers:

- Scheduled for Thursday March 12, 2015 from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. at Gian's Sweetshop and Restaurant - 31836 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC
- ESB will send out invitations

Next Committee Meeting:

- Tentatively scheduled for Thursday October 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Langley ESB office
- Review of Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding