

## **MINUTES of Inter-Agency Agriculture Compliance Committee meeting held on February 22, 2016**

### **Location:**

Employment Standards Branch office - Langley

### **Attendees:**

Mike Nielsen, WorkSafeBC  
Doug Pasco, WorkSafeBC  
Andrew Kidd, WorkSafeBC  
Sat Combow, WorkSafeBC  
Geoff Lindsay, CVSE  
Richard Roberts, CVSE  
Melanie Zabel, ESB (chair)  
Pardeep Birak, ESB

Meeting was brought to order at 9:30 a.m.

New members of the committee were introduced: Andrew Kidd, Sat Combow, Geoff Lindsay, Richard Roberts, Pardeep Birak.

### **Roadside Inspections:**

- CVSE will determine dates for the 2016 roadside inspections and will send to the other committee members for review by March 11, 2016.
- Discussion on providing portable toilets during roadside inspections for farm workers.

### **Quarterly Statistical Reporting:**

- ESB will continue to publish quarterly statistics on the website:  
<http://www.gov.bc.ca/farmworkers/statistics.html>

### **Education Initiatives for Farm Workers and Employers:**

- Discussion on various outreach activities to educate farm workers and employers of farm workers on legislation pertaining to the transportation of farm workers. Some options include: education stands at roadside inspections, mail outs, speaking engagements, site inspections at farms.

### **Occupational Risk Assessment:**

- Discussion of developing a collaborative risk assessment involving CVSE, WorkSafeBC, and ESB for officers conducting roadside inspections. Individual agencies have developed their own, however, as the agencies work together at roadside inspections, collaboration is needed to ensure clarity of duties ie: first aid for officers. Collaborative risk assessment will be completed prior to the first scheduled roadside inspection.

### **Next Committee Meeting:**

- Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday October 18, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Langley ESB office