

MINUTES of Inter-Agency Agriculture Compliance Committee meeting held on March 2, 2017

Location:

Employment Standards Branch office - Langley

Attendees:

Sat Combow, WorkSafeBC
Mike Nielsen, WorkSafeBC
Doug Pasco, WorkSafeBC
Bruce Calbick, CVSE
Melanie Zabel, ESB (chair)
Jaspaul Uppal, ESB
Tylor Mason, ESB

Meeting was brought to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roadside Inspections:

- CVSE will determine dates for the 2017 roadside inspections in short order and will send to the other committee members for review.
- WorkSafeBC to conduct risk assessments prior to roadside inspections and provide safety information to the other agencies prior to the inspections.
- WorkSafeBC to provide portable toilets during roadside inspections where needed.

Education Initiatives for Farm Workers and Employers:

- Discussion on education outreach for farm workers and employers of farm workers during roadside inspections. CVSE provides education to vehicle drivers, ESB and WorkSafeBC speak to workers and employers at roadside inspections, and will continue to hand out fact sheets/brochures. Agencies will participate in various speaking engagements throughout the season.

Quarterly Statistical Reporting:

- Discussion of statistics gathered from each agency.
- ESB will continue to publish quarterly statistics on the website:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/farm-workers-inter-agency-compliance-committee>
- Note: some statistics for each quarter may be updated during the subsequent quarter.

Next Committee Meeting:

- Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Langley ESB office.