



PRESS ADVISORY



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FARMWORKERS AND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER REACH ACCORD

This Accord is the First of Its Kind in the State Of California

The Office of the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner, the agency that oversees pesticide regulations and other worker safety matters, and the Center for Community Advocacy (CCA), a farmworker advocacy group, will announce an accord establishing a Farmworker Advisory Committee for the Office of the Agricultural Commissioner of Monterey County.

“Our office has, from the beginning of this effort and for a long time, understood the importance of having such a committee to advise us,” states Eric Lauritzen, the County’s Agricultural Commissioner. “We thank the farmworkers for helping us establish this committee,” he continued.

Juan Uranga, the Executive Director and attorney for CCA, an agency that trains farmworkers to use their collective power to strengthen their families and make positive changes in their community, added, “We are pleased to have created a positive and forward-looking venue where CCA-trained farmworker leaders can serve as advisers to an agency that is so important to field workers and to the agricultural industry in general.”

The Committee will advise the Commissioner’s Office on policies and practices as they impact field workers in Monterey County. The Committee will also help disseminate information about resources and programs that the Commissioner’s Office can make available to the farmworker community.

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WHEN: Tuesday, August 5, 2014
12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Office of the Agricultural Commissioner of Monterey County
1428 Abbot Street
Salinas, CA 93901

PRESS AVAILABILITY: Farmworker Members of the Advisory Committee
Center for Community Advocacy (CCA), Exec. Dir., Juan Uranga and Staff
Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner, Eric Lauritzen and Staff
California Dept. of Pesticide Regulation, Chief Deputy Dir., Chris Reardon
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