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Date: March 12, 2025

Recipients: Advisory Committee Members

Subject: Virtual Autonomous Agricultural Tractors Advisory Committee Meeting -  
March 26, 2025

At the November 21, 2024, Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB) meeting in Los Angeles, the Board directed OSHSB staff to convene an advisory committee for Autonomous Agricultural Tractors/Vehicles. The advisory committee goals are to make a plan for data collection, evaluate the implications of that data collection, identify issues to address and recommend the best path forward.

The advisory committee will be held:

Date and Time: March 26, 2025  
12:30 to 4:30 PM

Topic: Autonomous Agricultural Tractors

Venue: Zoom Meeting (link to be provided to committee members prior to the meeting)

Attached are the agenda, roster, and 2 published research articles for your review prior to the meeting. For more information on the Board's request, you can listen to the November 21, 2024, Board Meeting: <https://videobookcase.org/oshsb/2024-11-21/>.

Primary representatives, if you are not able to attend, please coordinate with your alternate to have representation, or you may submit written comments by March 14, 2025, to [aneidhardt@dir.ca.gov](mailto:aneidhardt@dir.ca.gov).

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting; however, at the Committee Chair's discretion, discussion may be limited to committee members only.

OSHSB values and appreciates your participation in this advisory committee. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amalia Neidhardt, Committee Chair, (916) 274-5731 or by email at [aneidhardt@dir.ca.gov](mailto:aneidhardt@dir.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Amalia Neidhardt

Principal Safety Engineer

Attachments:

Agenda

Advisory Committee Roster

Published Research Articles:

- Farzaneh Khorsandi, Kent E. Pinkerton, Minyoung Hong. Perspective: Closing the Regulatory Gap: Addressing Challenges for Autonomous Agricultural Equipment in California. Journal of Agricultural Safety and Health. 30(4): 155-161. (doi: 10.13031/jash.16112) @2024.  
<https://elibrary.asabe.org/abstract.asp?aid=55088>
- Shutske, J. M., Issa, S. F., Johnson, T., Khorsandi, F., Pate, M. L., Gorucu, S., Walsh, J., Yoder, A. M., Dukes, E., Aby, G. R., & Versweyveld, J. (2025). SAFER AG – Risk assessment, data, design standards, and regulation: Needs and recommendations. J. Agric. Saf. Health, 31(1), 1-13.  
<https://elibrary.asabe.org/pdfviewer.asp?param1=s:/8y9u8/q8qu/tq9q/5tv/J/zIGIL/JH/H/ZQiXHL0LL.5tv&param2=J/HI/IGIL&param3=HJK.HOM.HOG.HOP&param4=55173>

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