

**AGRICULTURAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

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To: All Interested Parties

Re: Potential Closure of ALRB El Centro Sub-Regional Office

The Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) currently has two regional offices located in Visalia and Salinas as well as a sub-regional office in El Centro. In 2007, the El Centro office was downsized from a regional office to a sub-regional office due to low election and unfair labor practice activity. This low level of activity has continued while workload pressures have increased in the Visalia regional office. In light of this shift in activity and reduced state budget allocations, it may be fiscally prudent to consider a reallocation of staff resources.

The ALRB is tasked with serving over 648,000 agricultural employees and 35,000 employers across the state and maintaining an agency presence in the Imperial - Coachella Valley area is a prime concern. In response to a request from the Board, ALRB staff has submitted a cost effective proposal for continuing service that includes the placement of agency staff at select Employment Development Department One-Stop Centers at least one day a month to disseminate information, process charges and conduct interviews. These service centers are well-known to the employer/employee community, are often centrally located and typically accessible by mass transit. Additionally, the proposal included a preliminary cost analysis showing that closure and/or moving costs can be recovered in 12-14 months.

We would appreciate your input regarding this proposal. Please send your inquires and responses by December 6, 2010, to J. Antonio Barbosa, ALRB Executive Secretary, via the most convenient method below:

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We would like to thank you in advance for taking time to consider this proposal and providing us with your input.

Sincerely,

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