

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AGRICULTURAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Board Conference Room
915 Capitol Mall, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

April 30, 2002

Time: 10:15 a.m.
Members Present: Chairwoman Shiroma, Board Members Barrios and Mason.
Staff Present: Executive Secretary Barbosa; Board Counsel Wender, Murray and Heyck.
Others Present: General Counsel Turner, Chief Administrative Law Judge Sobel
Absent: Board Counsel Levy, Analyst Massie, and Board Staff Nuño.

OPEN SESSION

1. **Board Response to Request for Information from Senator Machado's Office:** The Board reviewed the draft response to Senator Machado's request for information pertinent to the Senator's consideration of Senate Bill 1736 (binding arbitration in disputes between agricultural employees and employers). The Board made several edits to the letter, and approved the final version to be sent to the Senator's office by May 1, 2002.
2. **Executive Secretary's Response to Request for Payment to PSI Net:** The Board reviewed and approved the Executive Secretary's response to a request for payment to PSI Net.
3. **City of Modesto Cinco de Mayo Celebration:** Executive Secretary Barbosa announced that the City of Modesto has invited the agency to staff a free information booth at its upcoming Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 4, 2002 from noon to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Barbosa will contact the Salinas and Visalia Regional Offices and ask whether anyone from those offices can attend the event.
4. **Meeting with Employment Development Department:** Executive Secretary Barbosa announced that the follow up meeting with Employment Development Department representatives on May 20, 2002 has been confirmed. The time, place and attendees still need to be determined.
5. **Bomb Threat in Salinas Regional Office:** Executive Director Barbosa reported that the Salinas Regional Office had been evacuated on April 29, 2002 because an unidentified woman had placed a suspicious looking package on the counter of another office in the

building and left without speaking to anyone. The staff became concerned and notified local law enforcement, and the CHP, and the entire building was closed from 1:00 p.m. until the end of the day. The matter was resolved when the woman saw the 5 o'clock news report about the building closure, and realized that the package was hers. She called the CHP, and returned to identify the package.

6. **Purchase of Farm Worker Photographs:** The Board approved the purchase of two 32" x 40" photographs taken by a Berkeley photographer of men and women harvesting grapes.
7. **Salinas Lease Renegotiations:** Board Counsel Heyck reported that Salinas Regional Director Capuyan had informed her that the landlord had agreed to a partial reduction in rent, but that the reduction was not sufficient to meet the Board's requirement. The Board requested that Board Counsel Heyck contact the Department of General Services Real Estate Officer handling the matter and ask her to continue negotiating.
8. **Enrique Gastelum's Retirement:** General Counsel Turner reported that after almost 21 years of commitment to the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, that April 30, 2002 is Enrique Gastelum's last day of work. The Board and General Counsel thanked him for his years of devotion and service and wished him well.

PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 11: 15 A.M.