

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AGRICULTURAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

UNITED FARM WORKERS OF AMERICA,)	Case No. 2024-RM-002
)	
Petitioner Labor Organization,)	ORDER APPROVING
)	INVESTIGATIVE HEARING
and)	EXAMINER'S
)	RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE
WONDERFUL NURSERIES, LLC,)	THE RECORD
)	
Employer.)	Admin. Order No. 2026-08
_____)	(June 11, 2026)

On June 8, 2026, Investigative Hearing Examiner Miles Locker (the “IHE”) issued a recommendation that the Agricultural Labor Relations Board (“ALRB” or “Board”) close the record in the objections hearing to allow for the issuance of a decision in this majority support petition case involving Wonderful Nurseries, LLC (“Wonderful”) and the United Farm Workers of America (“UFW”). The hearing in the matter conditionally closed on July 11, 2025 and the parties filed post-hearing briefs in October and November 2025 pending the resolution of a dispute over compliance with a subpoena issued by the UFW to witness Maria Ester Gutierrez.

On August 27, 2025, the Board approved the recommendation of IHE Locker that the Board seek judicial enforcement of the UFW’s subpoena. (*Wonderful Nurseries, LLC* (Aug. 27, 2025) ALRB Admin. Order No. 2025-12.) Pursuant to the Board’s order, the General Counsel initiated enforcement proceedings in Kern County Superior Court. Under the terms of the Board’s order and Board regulation 20250, subdivision (k), the record in the underlying objections hearing has remained open

pending the conclusion of enforcement proceedings.

On April 20, 2026, the Superior Court issued an order granting in part and denying in part enforcement of the subpoena.¹ The IHE's recommendation that the record be closed cites the Superior Court's order and an email from the UFW to the IHE and counsel for Wonderful stating that the UFW did not wish to introduce any further evidence into the record or submit any further briefing and requesting that the record be closed.

The Board has considered the IHE's recommendation and has decided to APPROVE the recommendation. The IHE shall conduct any further proceedings that may be required, if any, close the record, and proceed to issue a decision in the matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 11, 2026

VICTORIA HASSID, Chair

ISADORE HALL, III, Member

BARRY D. BROAD, Member

RALPH LIGHTSTONE, Member

¹ Although the Superior Court issued a minute order containing the substance of its ruling on March 27, 2026, the Court's signed order did not issue until April 20, 2026.