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## **Agricultural Labor Relations Board General Counsel Holds Listening Tour to Raise Farmworker Rights Awareness**

**OXNARD, CA** (April 10, 2015) – To mark its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) is spearheading a listening tour this year to ensure California farmworkers have access to its staff and that it continues its outreach to underserved and under-resourced farmworker communities in Northern and Southern California.

On Sunday, April 12, the ALRB General Counsel Sylvia Torres-Guillén will hold a listening tour event in Oxnard as part of the community's Cesar Chavez Day celebrations. The event will be held at the Oxnard College Performing Arts Center from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and seeks to raise awareness among farmworker communities and advocates that the ALRB is committed to helping farmworkers fight injustices in the fields.

“The ALRB is here to assist farmworkers, and I look forward to these events that provide communities with increased access to our services,” said General Counsel Torres-Guillén. “Now in our fourth decade, the ALRB remains committed to helping workers resolve the issues they face in the fields.”

In February, the ALRB held a listening tour event at Mahal Plaza – a migrant worker residence in Yuba City – where farmworkers in attendance had an open discussion on organizational rights, return to work rights for unlawfully fired workers, and ALRB efforts to combat sexual harassment in the fields. The presentation was in English, Spanish and Punjabi.

The General Counsel will also participate in Farmworker Appreciation Day in Coachella at an event tentatively scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The California Agricultural Labor Relations Board was created in 1975 to ensure peace in the fields of California by guaranteeing justice for all agricultural workers and stability in agricultural labor relations. The ALRB seeks to achieve these ends by providing orderly processes for protecting, implementing, and enforcing the respective rights and responsibilities of employees, employers and labor organizations in their relations with each other. For more information, please contact the ALRB General Counsel's Office at (916) 653-2690. Find out more about the ALRB and learn more about laws to protect farmworkers at [www.alrb.ca.gov](http://www.alrb.ca.gov).

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