

2019 H-2A ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

Santa Maria Spanish Session – **May 7** ~ Radisson Hotel (1 PM—5 PM)

Santa Maria English Session – **May 8** ~ Radisson Hotel (8 AM—4 PM)

Oxnard/Ventura – **May 9** ~ Courtyard by Marriott (8 AM—4 PM)

Salinas – **June 4** ~ Salinas Sports Complex (8 AM—4 PM)

Sonoma/Santa Rosa – **June 6** ~ Sonoma County Farm Bureau (8 AM—4 PM)

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U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division

Jennifer Amore, National Immigration and Agricultural Branch Chief (Salinas/Sonoma)
Ruben Lugo, Western Region Ag Enforcement Coordinator

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration

Shane Barbour, Center Director, Chicago NPC (Santa Maria/Oxnard)
John Rotterman, Supervisory Immigration Program Analyst, Chicago NPC (Santa Maria/Oxnard)
Brian Pasternak, Acting Deputy Administrator, OFLC (Salinas/Sonoma)
Lynette Wills, Supervisory Immigration Program Analyst, Chicago NPC (Salinas/Sonoma)
Shawn M. Packer, Counsel to the Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration (Santa Maria/Oxnard)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services - Department of Homeland Security

Michelle Westra, Program Manager, USCIS Headquarters, Service Center Operations
Blake Goto, Section Chief, USCIS California Service Center

U.S. Department of State, Consulate General

Morgan Miles, Monterrey Consulate, Consul, Team Lead (Santa Maria/Oxnard)
Melissa Schubert, Tijuana Consulate, Fraud Prevention Manager (Santa Maria/Oxnard)
Jessica Robles, Monterrey Consulate General, Deputy Fraud Prevention Manager (Salinas/Sonoma)

State of California, Employment Development Department-Workforce Services Branch

Roman Diaz, Manager, Foreign Labor and Agricultural Services Group
Francisco Macias, Foreign Labor Analyst

State of California, Housing and Community Development

Matthew Weise, Codes and Standards Administrator II, Southern Field Office Manager

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Marni M. Flagg, REHS, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist (Salinas)

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Carlos Castaneda, H-2A user, SARC (Santa Maria)
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Laura Brown, Regulatory Affairs, CA Strawberry Commission (Santa Maria/Salinas)
Norma Encinas, Cierito Global, H-2A Recruitment & Training

Please note that presenters may vary by location and are subject to change.

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H-2A STAKEHOLDER FORUM AGENDA - English Sessions

7:15 AM—8:00 AM Registration

8:00 AM—12:30 PM MORNING SESSIONS:

Wage and Hour H-2A Compliance Hot Topics

Jennifer Amore, DOL Wage and Hour, Immigration and Agricultural Branch Chief (Salinas/Sonoma)
Ruben Lugo, DOL Wage and Hour, Regional Ag Enforcement Coordinator

Avoiding Delays and Best Practices During the H-2A Certification Process

Roman Diaz, Manager, Foreign Labor and Agricultural Services Group, State of CA EDD
Shane Barbour, Center Director, Chicago NPC (Santa Maria/Oxnard)
John Rotterman, Supervisory Immigration Program Analyst, Chicago NPC (Santa Maria/Oxnard)
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Lynette Wills, Supervisory Immigration Program Analyst, Chicago NPC (Salinas/Sonoma)
Shawn Packer, Counsel to the Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration, DOL (Santa Maria/Oxnard)

I-129 Processing Best Practices & Related Issues

Michelle Westra, Program Manager, USCIS Headquarters, Service Center Operations
Blake Goto, Section Chief, USCIS California Service Center

Visa Processing Best Practices and Recruitment Fraud in Mexico

Morgan Miles, Monterrey Consulate: Consul-Team Lead (Santa Maria/Oxnard)
Melissa Schubert, Tijuana Consulate: Fraud Prevention Manager (Santa Maria/Oxnard)
Jessica Robles, Monterrey Consulate, Deputy Fraud Manager (Salinas/Sonoma)

12:30 PM—1:15 PM Lunch (provided)

1:15 PM—4:00 PM AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

Housing Panel-Federal, State and Local Codes

Matthew Wise, Codes and Standards Administrator II, Southern Field Office Manager
Marni M. Flagg, REHS, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, Monterey County (Salinas)
Francisco Macias, Foreign Labor Analyst, State of CA EDD
Carlos Castaneda, H-2A user, SARC (Santa Maria)
John Krist, CEO, Ventura County Farm Bureau (Oxnard)
Laura Brown, Regulatory Affairs, CA Strawberry Commission (Santa Maria/Salinas)

Wage and Hour - Legal Issues – Best Practices Panel

Jason Resnick, V.P. and General Counsel, Western Growers
Mike Saqui, Principal, The Saqui Law Division, Dowling Aaron, Inc.
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Question & Answer for the Government Agencies-Voluntary Session

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H-2A STAKEHOLDER FORUM AGENDA - Spanish Session (May 7)

12:30 PM—1:00 PM Registration

1:00 PM—5:15 PM PROGRAM

H-2A Regulatory Requirements

Ruben Lugo, DOL Wage and Hour

H-2A job order—SWA Function

Roman Diaz, EDD

H-2A Housing Inspections

Francisco Macias, EDD

Matthew Weise, State of CA HCD

Carlos Castaneda, H-2A user, SARC (local housing standards)

Dealing with CNPC, USCIS and U.S. Consulate

Dax Deason, Deason Law, PC

H-2A User Best Practice Panel

Carlos Castaneda, H-2A user, SARC

Norma Encinas, Cierro Global, H-2A Recruitment & Training

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Kimberly Naffziger — V.P. Ag Specialist, Zenith Insurance Company

Jason Resnick — V.P and General Counsel, Western Growers

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