

# 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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## PRESENTERS

### **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)

### **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  
Rosalba Chavez, Foreign Labor Analyst

### **State of California, Housing and Community Development**

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

### **County of Monterey, Environmental Health**

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

### **H-2A Attorneys & Other Industry Representatives**

Mike Saqui, Principal, The Saqui Law Division, Dowling Aaron, Inc.  
Rebecca Hause-Schultz, Attorney, The Saqui Law Division, Dowling Aaron, Inc.  
Jeanne Malitz, Principal, Malitz Law Inc.  
Jason Resnick, V.P. and General Counsel, Western Growers  
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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)  
Norma Encinas, Cierito Global, H-2A Recruitment & Training

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

## REGISTRATION

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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 H2A 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 H2A Certification Process

**Rosalba Chavez**, Foreign Labor Analyst, State of CA EDD  
**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)  
**Brian Pasternak**, Acting Deputy Administrator, DOL ETA-OFLC (Salinas/Sonoma)  
**Lynette Wills**, Supervisory Immigration Program Analyst, Chicago NPC (Salinas/Sonoma)

### 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

**Mike Saqui**, Principal, The Saqui Law Division, Dowling Aaron, Inc.  
**Rebecca Hause-Schultz**, Attorney, The Saqui Law Division, Dowling Aaron, Inc.  
**Jeanne Malitz**, Principal, Malitz Law Inc.  
**Jason Resnick**, V.P. and General Counsel, Western Growers

### Question & Answer for the Government Agencies-Voluntary Session

ETA/CNPC, DOL Wage and Hour, USCIS, DOS—Consulates, EDD and HCD

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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, Cierito Global, H-2A Recruitment & Training

## Special Thanks to the Planning Committee

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