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### **Cal/OSHA Chief Issues Statement on Farmworker Death**

**Oakland**—Cal/OSHA Chief Juliann Sum today released the following statement on Cal/OSHA’s ongoing investigation into a farmworker death last week in Bakersfield:

“Cal/OSHA is investigating the tragic death of a farm worker reported last week in Bakersfield. In light of recent high temperatures, Cal/OSHA’s maximum enforcement of its Heat Illness Prevention Standard included 597 inspections of agriculture, construction, landscaping and other outdoor worksites this June and July. So far this year, we have issued 994 citations to 742 employers for heat-related violations which require corrective action to protect workers from heat illness.

“Cal/OSHA is also continuing its outreach, consultation and training for workers and employers on the importance of heat illness prevention.”

Online information on the heat illness prevention requirements and training materials can be obtained at Cal/OSHA’s [Heat Illness web page](#) or the [Water, Rest, Shade campaign site](#). A [Heat Illness Prevention e-tool](#) is also available on Cal/OSHA’s website.

[Cal/OSHA’s Consultation Services Branch](#) provides free and voluntary assistance to employers to improve their health and safety programs. Employers should call (800) 963-9424 for assistance from Cal/OSHA Consultation Services.

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact DIR’s Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734). The California Workers’ Information line at 866-924-9757 provides recorded information in English and Spanish on a variety of work-related topics. Complaints can also be filed confidentially with [Cal/OSHA district offices](#).

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