

Pesticide Application Safety Committee (PASCO)

1. Meeting Details

- **Date & Time:** Monday | June 16 2025 | 9:05 a.m.–2:28 p.m. PT
- **Location:** Virtual videoconference

2. Agenda

- Welcome, roll call & approval of February 2025 minutes (approved 7-0)
- PASCO 10-year reauthorization update
- Advisory Work Group (AWG) progress report & recommendations
- Tri-agency pesticide-exposure case-review findings
- Training & outreach initiatives
- Agricultural Leadership Program (ALP) funding outlook
- Future meeting schedule
- Public comment & adjournment

3. Key Discussion Points & Decisions

#	Topic	Outcome
4.1	PASCO reauthorization	Committee mandate extended through 2035 ; members thanked Rep. Dent and Sen. Warnick for legislative sponsorship.
4.2	Tri-agency review	DOH found that only 3 of 60 worker-exposure insurance claims in 2024 reached compliance investigation. Agencies will hold quarterly case-reviews and improve data-sharing.
4.3	Investigation approach	Consensus to adopt a preventive, consultation-oriented style that addresses root causes rather than focusing solely on penalties.
4.4	Referral template overhaul	New narrative-rich referral form now auto-copies L&I-DOSH and WSDA; it is in effect immediately.
4.5	Training & outreach	DOH investigators will complete a custom

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		equipment-identification course in July. Grower/manager-focused safety modules will be co-designed with ALP alumni and commodity groups. DOH will increase its presence at farm-worker safety events. A survey of growers' training needs will launch before November commodity conferences.
4.6	Advisory Work Group vacancies	Only a fraction of the 11 seats are filled; targeted recruitment will occur via industry conferences and farm-worker radio.
4.7	Agricultural Leadership Program	Current funding sunsets after two more cohorts. PASCO will explore a mixed public-private model and potential Climate Commitment Act dollars.
4.8	Meeting schedule	Additional meeting planned for late Aug/early Sep 2025 and a regular session in Nov/Dec 2025 to align with legislative planning and recruitment cycles.

4. Action Items

Owner	Task	Due Date
DOH investigators	Complete virtual equipment-ID course & schedule field ride-alongs with WSDA compliance team	July 31 2025
DOH / WSDA / L&I	Conduct Q2 tri-agency case-review & draft shared incident-data specs	Aug 15 2025
All members	Submit AWG nominee names via online form	Sep 26 2025
Griselda Arias	Create communications for AWG recruitment, descriptions etc.	Aug 31st 2025

5. Public Comment

No formal testimony was offered, and no written comments were received. Members of the public may submit future comments at agr.wa.gov/PASCO/comments.

6. Next Meetings (Tentative)

- **Late Aug / Early Sep 2025** – Date TBD (virtual)
- **Nov / Dec 2025** – Date and venue TBD; will coincide with statewide commodity conferences.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **2:28 p.m. PT.**

LINKS shared in Chat:

<https://goodfruit.com/semillero-de-ideas-to-hold-second-farmworker-innovation-contest/>

<https://deohs.washington.edu/student-research/miguel-rojas-flores>

<https://deohs.washington.edu/pnash/sites/deohs.washington.edu.pnash/files/2023%20Rojas-Flores%2C%20Miguel.pdf>