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Event

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12:15 pm - 1:15 pm PDT

Despite substantial opposition from agricultural industry groups, Governor Newsom signed AB 2646, establishing a new minimum wage for certain agricultural employees beginning January 1, 2027. The law is expected to affect employers that use the H-2A program. For growers and farm labor contractors, its reach may extend beyond H-2A workers to other employees who qualify as “corresponding employees” under California’s new definition—a standard that differs from the federal H-2A concept of corresponding employment.

Presented by Fisher Phillips, Western Growers, and the National Council of Ag Employers, the webinar will open with introductions from Jason Resnick of Western Growers and John Hollay of the National Council of Ag Employers. Then join Fisher Phillips attorneys Chris Schulte and Rebecca Hause-Schultz as they unpack AB 2646, examine which workers may be covered, discuss its practical implications for agricultural employers, and consider potential challenges to the law.

The firm is submitting this webinar for HRCI/SHRM credit.

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