



**ASSEMBLY SELECT COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE  
FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA'S AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE**  
**Carlos Villapudua, Chair**

*Agricultural Technology Workforce – An Overview*

**December 1, 2021**

**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 4202**

**Agenda**

This first informational hearing will provide members of the committee and the public with an overview on ag-technology and the future of California's agricultural workforce. During the hearing, we will learn from experts, stakeholders, in the Ag tech sector and hear about successes challenges and opportunities for Ag technology to assist farmers, producers, and processors while creating the new agricultural jobs of today and the future.

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Chair, Carlos Villapudua – Introduction and overview
- Other Members

**Panel 1: The Importance of an Ag-Tech Workforce in California - Overview**

- Gabriel Youtsey, Chief Innovation Officer, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Dennis Donohue, Director, Center for Innovation and Technology at Western Growers Association
- Michael Miiller, Director of Government Relations, California Association of Winegrape Growers.
- Clint Cowden, Dean of Career Technical Education and Workforce Development at Hartnell College.

**Panel 2: Ag-Tech Practitioners Discuss Challenges, Barriers, and Opportunities of Using Ag-Tech in Agriculture.**

- Don Cameron, Vice President and General Manager, Terranova Ranch Inc.
- Praveen Penmetsa, Co-Founder and CEO, Monarch Tractor
- Mona Shulman, Vice President and General Counsel, Pacific Coast Producers

**Public Comment (In-Person & Phone)**

**Closing Remarks**