

California Peach Farmer, Union Slug It Out at Hearing



An administrative law hearing that could determine whether more than 3,000 workers at the nation's biggest peach farm are unionized got heated when a lawyer for Gerawan Farming accused the chief prosecutor in the case of playing "hide and seek" with evidence and witnesses

As reported by CNBC, California Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) General Counsel Sylvia Torres-Guillen, who is responsible for investigating and prosecuting the case, has alleged that Gerawan Farming carried out unfair labor practices, engaged in bad-faith bargaining, and tainted workers.

"This case from the beginning has been hide and seek by the general counsel," said Ronald Barsamian, an attorney for Gerawan. "We're still waiting for the UFW to put on its case—let alone the ALRB. If it's not hide and seek, it's just not preparing adequately for this case."

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