

Meeting Minutes October 23, 2013
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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IN LIEU OF THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING, WE HOSTED A VIEWING OF THE DOCUMENTARY *RAPE IN THE FIELDS* AT THE MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS.

1. *Rape in the Fields*, a new documentary that examines the subject of sexual abuse of farmworkers, was shown to an audience of approximately 75 people in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. The film producer, Andres Cidiel, and co-producer, Bernice Yeung, were in attendance and spoke about the importance of bringing this issue to light and how our viewing was the first public viewing outside of colleges and universities. One of the documentary's brave stars was also in attendance.
2. Four members of Lideres Campesinas took part in the afternoon forum. Lideres Campesinas is an organization that focuses on identifying needs for social change and then addressing those needs. One such area of focus is to help female farmworkers fight the problem of sexual harassment. A team of women from Lideres Campesinas travels the state, educating women about their rights. The speakers gave a brief presentation after the film describing some of the ways that they offer support and education to women who work in the fields, such as meeting with women and decorating bandanas while they are talking. They also bring a variety of agencies to the Lideres so that they can go back to the community and tell them about needed services. There are local branches in King City, Greenfield, and Soledad. More information is available on their website at Liderescampesinas.org.
3. There was a panel discussion by the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, YWCA, Lideres Campesinas and Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART). Attendees were able to ask questions and make comments about the film.
4. The next meeting is scheduled for **November 20, 2013** at Department of Social Services, 1000 S. Main Street, Salinas, CA 93901, room 301.