



2026 MVCAC Planning Meeting

Drone Committee

Committee meets every six months on the 2nd Monday of April and October, and additionally as requested by Drone Committee Members, other Committees, or Board of Directors.

Standing Charges

- 1. Inform membership of legislative and regulatory developments affecting drone usage in vector control, and assist the Legislative, Regulatory, and Public Relations Committees in managing these issues.**
 - a. Action Steps: Monitor legislative and regulatory development, coordinate with associated committees or KP, and report to affected committees and Board of Directors.
 - b. Lead: Joel Buettner, Eric Haas-Stapleton
 - c. Outcome: Ongoing
- 2. Coordinate with and support AMCA drone committee.**
 - a. Action steps: Respond to requests for coordination.
 1. AMCA FAA exemptions
 - b. Lead: Joel Buettner, Eric Haas-Stapleton
 - c. Outcome: Ongoing

Annual Projects

- 1. Provide guides (e.g., use-case) and checklists that support drone pilots and management.**
 - a. Action steps: Identify pre-and post-flight safety and data security checklists for distribution. Distribute annual training program (Sac-Yolo has one).
 - b. Timeline: Ongoing
 - c. Progress: The following have been distributed to the committee:
 1. Checklists for pre-flight, flight and post-flight
 2. Use-case guide for granular application
 3. Documents to request waiver from FAA to fly closer than 500 ft to structures and vehicles
 - d. Lead: Marty Scholl and Eric Haas-Stapleton
- 2. Coordinate and facilitate a drone workshop for the 2026 MCVAC Annual Conference that includes hands-on drone flights.**
 - a. Action steps: Develop an outline of topics for the workshop, identify drone vendors and districts that will participate in the hands-on component, coordinate with AMG and Coachella staff.
 - b. Timeline: Early planning

- c. Progress:
 - 1. Outline of proposed workshop distributed to the committee
 - 2. AMG notified of the planned workshop
- d. Action steps:
 - 1. Identify vendor and district participants.
- e. Coordinate with AMG and Coachella
- f. Lead: Eric Haas-Stapleton and Coachella MVCD Staff

Committee members:

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