



## **2026 MVCAC Planning Meeting**

### **Drone Committee**

Committee meets every six months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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