



Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California

Draft Charges 2026

Legislative Committee

1. Legislative Advocacy Day (LAD)

- a. Action steps: Plan and Coordinate early 2026 between Legislative and PR Committee with Assistance from AMG and KP.
- b. Resources needed: Legislative Day Training, Leave Back Materials
- c. Potential Challenges: Logistics of the day, attendance and covering all legislative offices.
- d. Timeline:
 - i. **January 2026**- confirm topics for focus for LAD with Committee, PR, KP and Executive Committee.
 - ii. **February 2026** – Develop agenda and materials for LAD, development of training for LAD, Hold Legislative Review meeting with KP and Leg Committee after February 21st; Identify any bills that may be incorporated into LAD and training,
 - iii. **March 2025** – March 10th at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento as part of the Spring Meeting.

e. Status:

2. Mosquito Awareness Week Resolution

- a. Action steps: Identify and author for MAW resolution for April 12-18(?)
- b. Resources needed: Legislator to Author:
- c. Potential Challenges: Finding the Author
- d. Timeline: Identify Author for MAW by February 2026
- e. **Status: Assemblyman Greg Wallis will author**

3. Develop legislation to create a State contingency fund to support mosquito control measures and expenses during public health emergencies or disasters.

- a. Action steps: Write draft bill language and submit to state Legislative Counsel, secure a member of the Legislature to author the bill, develop support letters and collateral materials, work with the committee staff to set the bill for hearing, meet with the state departments to notify them of the need for the bill.
- b. Resources needed: KP staff time, MVCAC grassroots engagement, Legislative Committee approval
- c. Potential Challenges: State budget deficit
- d. Timeline: Find author by end of January 2026, begin legislative process at that point.
- e. **Status:**

4. Support or Oppose introduced Legislation that affects California Integrated Vector Management Programs.

- a. Action steps: Legislative Committee to work with KP staff reviewing, identifying, and tracking introduced legislation; determine positions on introduced legislation that impacts IVM programs; Stay connected with CSDA legislative effort (via Clausnitzer and Young) and determine as an Association what bills MVCAC may want to support or oppose alongside CSDA.

- b. Resources needed: Legislative updates from KP; Committee members tracking legislation that is introduced to assist KP. <https://legiscan.com/CA>
- c. Potential Challenges: Legislation.
- d. Timeline:
 - i. January/February monitor introduced legislation.
 - ii. Last day to introduce bills is February 20, 2026
 - iii. Week of February 23th or March 1st hold bill review meeting with KP and Legislative Committee. Some bills may be folded into LAD talking points if necessary.
 - iv. Determine initial position on bills of interest to be submitted to MVCAC Board by Spring board meeting.

e. Status:

Standing charges

1. Review with the Executive Director pending legislative bills and regulatory changes that may impact vector control activities.
2. Contact members when grassroots effort is needed to inform legislators.
3. Represent the MVCAC and testify when appropriate on bills or regulations of concern and keep the Board of Directors informed.
4. Work with the MVCAC's service providers to arrange for legislators or legislative staff to speak at interim meetings and at the annual conference as appropriate.
5. The Chair coordinates with the MVCAC President, Executive Director, and Legislative Advocate to address the Association's legislative concerns, and with other agencies as necessary to develop or modify relevant legislation.
6. Annually monitor status of CalSurv funding in state budget in coordination with the VectorSurv Committee.
7. Support Association Grassroots Outreach programs and target recess periods for call to action to Districts to meet with Legislators and their staff in the District.

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