



Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California

January 2025 Report to the Board of Directors

Legislative Committee

1. Legislative Advocacy Day (LAD)

- a. Action steps: Plan and Coordinate early 2025 between Legislative and PR Committee with Assistance from AMG and KP. Will be recognizing Senator Stern for support and SB 1251. Educate legislators on Public Health Uses of Pesticides (how it is different from Ag.)
- b. Resources needed: Legislative Day Training, Leave Back Materials, Award for Senator Stern
- c. Potential Challenges: Logistics of the day, attendance and covering all legislative offices, When Stern can present during the Day or Spring meeting still to be determined.
- d. Timeline:
 - i. **January 2025**- confirm most topics for focus for LAD with Committee, PR, KP and Executive Committee.
 - ii. **February 2025** – development 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, Acquire Award for Senator Stern working with Rachel.
 - iii. **March 2025** – Hold LAD training Webinar week prior to LAD; Post training link; LAD will be held on March 25th 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 13-19(?)
- b. Resources needed: Legislator to Author; *Ryan recommended Assemblymember Liz Ortega (District 20) or Senator Dr. Aeisha Wahab (10th District)*
- c. Potential Challenges: Finding the Author
- d. Timeline: Identify Author for MAW by February 2025
- e. Status:

3. 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. Week of February 24th or March 10th hold bill review meeting with KP and Legislative Committee.
 - iii. Determine initial position on bills of interest to be submitted to MVCAC Board by Spring board meeting.
- e. Status:

4. Support Association Grassroots Outreach Program

- a. Action steps: Support outreach by Districts throughout the Legislative year with a particular focus on Districts with newly elected Assembly and Senate members (28 new legislators in 2025); will identify these Districts and support and encourage their efforts. Also focus on Districts who have legislators on key committees that review legislation that could affect IVM programs.
 - b. Resources needed: MVCAC Legislative Grass root materials, List of new legislators and their corresponding MVCAC agencies; updated list of members on key committees.
 - c. Potential Challenges: District Participation, District Reporting
 - d. Timeline:
 - i. Recess periods to focus grassroots outreach in the Districts.
 1. Spring Recess April 10 -20
 2. Summer Recess June 19 – August 17
 3. Fall / Interim Recess begins September 13
 - e. Status:
5. **Collect information from Association Agencies regarding Area Wide Warrants / Abatement Authority**
- a. Action steps: Referred to Board Liaison Reis and he will be discussing with Executive Committee to gauge level of interest in pursuing this and also what committee it may fall into at this point.
 - b. Resources needed:
 - c. Potential Challenges:
 - d. Timeline:
 - 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.

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