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The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of CA Heads to the Capitol for its Annual Legislative Advocacy Day to Update Lawmakers on Mosquito-Borne Public Health Emergencies

In 2025, the Eaton and Palisades fires in Southern California Created a Mosquito-borne Public Health Crisis with Thousands of Unmaintained Swimming Pools in the Burn Scar

Sacramento, CA - On March 10, 2026, members of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC), representing mosquito and vector control districts across the state, will head to the Capitol to meet with legislators and provide education and updates on the state of mosquito control in California.

In 2025, the San Gabriel Mosquito and Vector Control District and the Los Angeles County West Vector Control District faced an unprecedented situation, with more than 1,700 homes containing standing water or unmaintained swimming pools producing mosquitoes following the devastating Eaton and Palisades wildfires. Other districts throughout the state continue to confront the spread of invasive mosquitoes capable of carrying dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and Zika, increasing the need for surveillance and control efforts to prevent public health emergencies.

“Mosquito and vector control districts throughout California continue to contend with growing mosquito-related threats to our residents,” said Dr. Paula Macedo, Chair of MVCAC and District Manager of the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District. “Whether it’s warmer and longer summers increasing the risk of West Nile virus, or disasters like fires and floods driven by climate change creating new emergencies, mosquito districts remain committed to protecting public health, but our budgets and staffing levels are increasingly constrained as we adapt to this new normal.”

California needs proactive solutions, including dedicated emergency funding, streamlined response authority, and stronger coordination to stop mosquito-borne disease outbreaks before they start.

About MVCAC

The [Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California \(MVCAC\)](#) is the statewide voice for mosquito and vector control professionals. The association provides public health information,

expertise, mosquito and vector-borne disease surveillance, innovative research, professional training, effective legislative and regulatory advocacy on behalf of California public agencies.

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