



# MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	January 10, 2023
<b>TO</b>	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
<b>FROM</b>	Jeffrey Olguin, Lead Administrative & Policy Analyst
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 18.D. Outreach</b>

**Association Meetings** *(Strategic Plan Objective 5.1.1)*

The Board’s Executive Officer (EO) and Licensing/Administration Manager continue to hold monthly meetings with representatives from the California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association (CaRVTA) to provide updates, answer questions, and address any of their concerns.

The next California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Board of Governors (BOG) meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2023. The Board’s President and EO will attend the BOG morning.

**Educational Webinars** *(Strategic Plan Objective 5.1.3)*

On November 10, 2022, the Board’s EO and Enforcement Managers conducted webinars: [Veterinary Medical Board: Enforcement Overview](#) and [Veterinary Medical Board Inspections: Common Violations and How to Avoid Them](#). The webinars were two one-hour sessions with no scripts and allowed more interactive opportunities. Attendees of the education webinars earned one hour of Continuing Education (CE) credit for attending and completing the webinars. There were over 160 attendees at the enforcement webinar, and over 190 attendees at the inspection webinar. Both webinars were posted to YouTube and linked to the Board’s website to allow viewing at any time.

**2022 Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program Shortage Designations**

In November 2022, the Board distributed information to its licensees and stakeholders from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) regarding the [2022 Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program Shortage Designations](#).

The [2022/2023 Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program \(VMLRP\)](#) aims to provide an incentive for veterinarians to practice in areas currently in need of additional veterinary expertise within large animal private practice and the public sector. For veterinarian awardees who are willing to commit to at least three years of service in a selected practice area, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National

Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) may provide up to \$25,000 per year, for a total of \$75,000 over 3 years, to offset veterinary education loan debts, along with additional funding to offset tax liability.

All eligible veterinarians are encouraged to apply for loan repayment. Interested veterinarians are encouraged to review the [VMLRP eligibility and apply](#).

### **Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Logo Update**

In January 2023, DCA started transitioning a new logo to its website and intranet. The new logo will be transitioned to various documents, publications, and the licensing system throughout 2023. DCA has directed its Boards, Bureaus, and Divisions to use existing supplies containing the old logo through September 30, 2023 or until the supply is exhausted, whichever is sooner.