



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 1, 2026
TO	California Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	<u>Enforcement Managers</u> Patty Rodriguez Ashley Sanchez Robert Stephanopoulos
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 15.C. Enforcement Report

Inspections

On March 23, 2026, Board staff held a round table meeting for Inspectors. Staff reviewed inspection stats for the current fiscal year, and technical mobile inspection application issues were discussed. Staff also discussed the Minimum Standards for Alternate Veterinary Premises which took effect in January. Veterinary drug compounding was also discussed. The next Inspection round table meeting is scheduled in May; drug compounding discussions will continue to discuss regulatory language changes that will take effect April 1.

Intake

Intake staff have continued to process complaints well below the ten-day cycle time target, with complaints opened in about four days. With the additional Intake Technician being trained this month, a few PRA requests, and a weekend with an above normal influx of complaint submissions, the number of complaints pending processing as of the first of the month is 49; however, this should be brought back down to normal levels within the first week of April.

Investigations

At the end of March 2026, the Board had 3,599 cases pending, which is slightly above where it was during the prior Board meeting’s report. As previously indicated, the Board has begun transitioning to processing its own stipulated settlements, rather than transmitting these cases over to the Attorney General’s Office. As a result of this process, cases which would normally have their investigations closed and then transmitted to the AG’s office, are held open while the settlements are drafted, presented, and then (potentially) processed. This will affect the number of closures for a few months, while the process is polished and groups of cases which normally would be closed and transmitted to the AG’s office will remain open; however, once the process is normalized, the closures should return to normal. Staff continue to request records for any newly received standard of care cases.

Subject Matter Expert (Expert) Program

On February 25, 2026 and February 26, 2026, the Board held round tables for its Consultants and Experts (respectively). During these meetings, a variety of topics were covered, including:

- Explaining why a Respondent’s rebuttal to a potential violation doesn’t change the opinion of the Expert.
- Covering in the findings whether an action of failure to do an action led to the negative outcome – especially death.
- Touching on a sample document showing differences between passive and active voice in writing.
- Avoiding using the title of “Board Expert” inappropriately.
- Not using “gold standard” and sticking to the standard of care.
- Restating that any standard of care departures found should be noted in the report.
- Not providing a subjective opinion of the Respondent.
- Timely response when it comes to reports and response reviews.

Another area to note is that per the Board’s strategic plan objective to increase its pool of experts (item 3.4), the Board has gone from 41 contracted Experts when the Strategic Plan was adopted to 56 contracted Experts as of the writing of this memo, with another ten in the contracting process. This increase has been achieved via a push from many Board stakeholders (staff, members, licensees, etc.) to seek out and speak to potential Experts and refer them to the Board’s Expert program.

Probation

The Probation Monitors are actively investigating 21 pending enforcement complaints against 11 probationers. Currently, there is one Petition for Early Termination and one Petition for Reinstatement pending with the Probation Unit.

Since the last update, two licensees began probation, two completed probation, and one probationer was revoked, bringing the number of current probationers to 59, six of which are tolled.

Disciplinary Action Vote Results

Since the last Board meeting, the Board reviewed the following disciplinary matters:

STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS	VOTE	RESULT
Satinderjit Singh, DVM (Case No. 4602022000463)	5 – Adopt 1 – Hold for Discussion	Adopt
Michael Stephens Long, DVM (Case No. 4602021001515)	7 – Adopt	Adopt

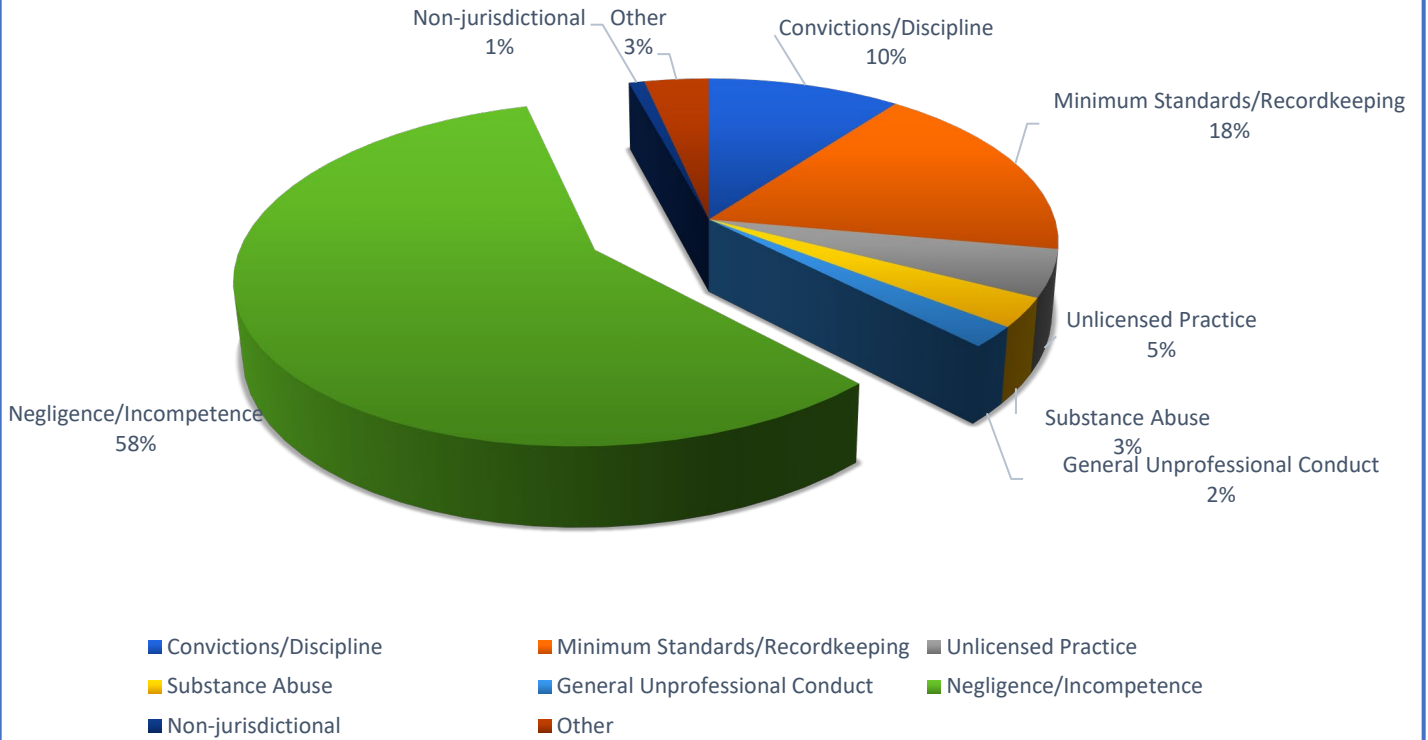
Jody Ellen Downhill, DVM (Case No. 4602022000276)	5 – Adopt 1 – Non-Adopt 1 – Hold for Discussion	Adopt
PROPOSED DECISIONS		
Claire Camburn, DVM (Case No. 4602025000478)	6 – Adopt	Adopt
Ahmed Abdul Mutalib, DVM (Case No. 4602019000482)	6 – Adopt	Adopt
Mohamed Khalid Ghafeer, DVM (Case No. 4602017000521)	7 – Adopt	Adopt
PETITION DECISIONS		
	VOTE	RESULT
Ryan Scott Carpenter, DVM (Case No. 4602021000379)	6 – Adopt	Adopt
Cathaleen Canfield, DVM (Case No. 4602021001575)	5 – Adopt	Adopt

STIPULATED SURRENDERS (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations § 2003)		
Rodney Hatayama, DVM (Case No. 4602017001009)		
Harold Spencer, DVM (Case No. 4602024000470)		

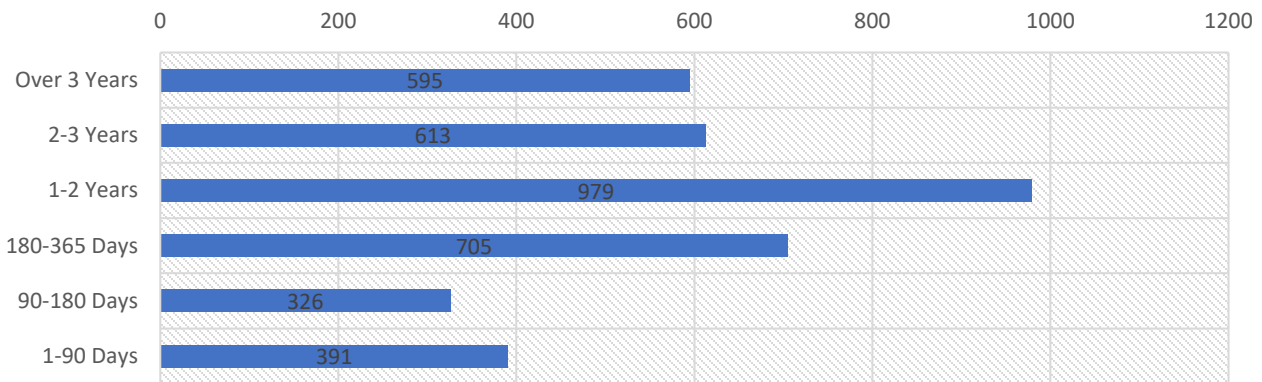
Attachments

1. Enforcement Statistics

FY 25/26 YTD Complaints Received by Violation Type



Pending Cases



Summary of Enforcement Activity														
Enforcement Activity	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26									
Complaints – Intake (+ Conviction Arrest Notification Complaints)	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	YTD
Received	1,696	1,808	1,871	2,163	191	202	196	204	166	173	168	171	220	1,691
Closed Without Referral for Investigation	80	70	95	122	14	17	16	18	28	23	20	17	20	173
Referred for Investigation	1,634	1,716	1,790	2,057	178	180	153	180	168	161	134	165	162	1,481
Pending	10	33	17	4	4	7	32	39	10	2	18	11	49	49
Inspections														
Conducted	41	116	182	203	16	27	16	26	23	16	19	13	35	191
Citations Issued	10	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Action Taken	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Investigations														
Open	1,634	1,716	1,790	2,057	178	180	153	180	168	161	134	165	162	1,481
Closed	1,279	1,942	2,023	2,167	190	147	179	181	142	182	165	129	148	1,463
Pending	3,848	3,722	3,565	3,487	3,497	3,543	3,504	3,516	3,554	3,537	3,524	3,567	3,600	3,600
Cases Closed within Timeframe to Complete Intake and Investigations														
Up to 90 Days	263	446	387	560	46	35	35	51	44	58	47	42	54	412
91 to 180 Days	67	79	102	133	11	24	20	20	14	17	17	16	11	150
181 Days to 1 Year	118	171	158	221	23	14	27	14	24	22	11	16	14	165
1 to 2 Years	151	307	309	343	38	19	32	26	15	32	22	22	24	230
2 to 3 Years	166	300	415	353	50	38	32	34	30	32	38	19	18	291
Over 3 Years	514	639	652	556	22	17	33	36	15	21	30	14	27	215
Average Number of Days from Receipt of Complaint to Assignment of Investigator (start of investigation)	9	7	8	3	2	3	5	4	4	7	3	3	3	4
Average Number of Days for All Investigation Outcomes (from start investigation to referral for prosecution or case closure without referral for prosecution)	772	705	767	662	593	535	601	625	466	502	633	462	540	556
Average Number of Days from Receipt of Complaint to Referral for Prosecution or Case Closure Without Referral for Prosecution	789	721	777	669	598	539	604	629	470	506	641	465	543	560
Citations and Fines														
Issued without a Fine	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Issued with a Fine	42	23	18	31	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	6
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Reduced	6	10	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Average Number of Days to Issue a Citation and Fine (from complaint receipt/inspection conducted to citation issued)	1,308	1,456	1,386	1,415	0	0	0	1196	0	914	0	0	623	1055
Administrative Fines	2	8	11	5	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	8
Total Amount of Fines														
Assessed	\$198,250	\$131,000	\$115,178	\$164,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$72,000
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Reduced	\$2,501	\$22,251	\$60,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Collected	\$129,366	\$103,208	\$111,457	\$119,637	\$5,917	\$5,350	\$11,838	\$4,728	\$5,689	\$3,816	\$6,722	\$4,739	\$1,816	\$50,615
Criminal/Civil Actions														
Referrals for Criminal/Civil Action	3	2	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Actions Filed	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Civil Actions Filed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Attorney General/ In-House/ Disciplinary Actions														
Cases Opened/Initiated (total)	64	71	130	226	14	3	11	26	5	7	16	7	4	93
Cases Closed (total)	20	38	65	42	4	4	3	2	10	6	5	6	3	45
Consolidated Cases Closed	5	20	44	8	3	3	0	0	6	4	4	4	2	26
Cases Pending - AG Pre-Filing	55	76	128	303	309	303	301	324	321	301	223	221	165	165
Cases Pending - AG Post-Filing	34	34	40	42	41	45	43	45	40	36	121	129	176	176
Number of Days to Complete AG or In-House Cases														
Up to 1 Year	8	14	35	30	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	2	3	13
1 to 2 Years	3	19	26	10	4	3	1	2	1	4	5	4	0	24
2 to 3 Years	2	4	4	1	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	7
Over 3 Years	5	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Formal Actions Filed/Withdrawn/Dismissed														
Restraining/Restriction/Suspension Orders Sought	1	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining/Restriction/Suspension Orders Granted	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Accusations Filed	25	21	31	29	1	8	2	2	1	6	0	5	3	28
Petitions to Revoke Probation and Accusations, and Petitions to Revoke Probation Filed	0	13	4	9	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	7
Accusations Withdrawn/Dismissed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Petitions to Revoke Probation and Accusations, and Petitions to Revoke Probation Withdrawn/Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative Outcomes/Final Orders														
Revocation	3	2	4	5	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Surrender of License	4	3	9	7	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	6
Probation with Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspension Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probation Only	8	13	14	10	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	2	0	8
Public Reprimand/Public Reprimand/Public Letter of Reprimand	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	18	27	23	2	1	3	1	5	2	1	2	0	17

Average Number of Days from Closure of Investigation to Imposing Formal Discipline(Previously under Formal Actions Filed/Withdrawn/Dismissed)	707	514	514	376	526	712	739	1285	355	570	673	488	27	537
Average Number of Days to Impose Discipline (previously under Number of Days to Complete AG Cases)	1496	1402	1800	1455	765	1885	1366	1580	1950	1488	3167	1246	2106	1765
Probation														
Probations Completed	19	18	18	8	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	9
Probationers Pending (includes Facilities and Individuals)	58	55	52	57	57	59	60	58	60	59	60	62	59	59
Cease Practice Orders Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
Substance Abuse Licenses														
Probationers Subject to Drug Testing	25	20	10	7	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	12	12	12
Drug Tests ordered	773	497	281	196	20	20	20	26	26	26	33	37	39	247
Positive Drug Tests	198	158	49	32	0	2	0	7	9	9	7	11	9	54
Subsequent Discipline														
Probations Revoked	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Probationers License Surrendered	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Additional Probation with Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additional Probation Only	1	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other Conditions Added Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Probation Outcome	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applicant Action														
License Application Denied (No Appeal)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statement of Issues Filed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Applications Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Issued with Probation or Probationary License Issued	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Granted (Statement of Issues Denied)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(License Issued with a Public Letter of Reprimand)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statement of Issues Withdrawn/Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petition for Modification or Termination of Probation														
Granted	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4
Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License/Registration/Certification														
Granted	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Issued with No Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Issued and Placed on Probation	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Issued and Placed on Probation with Precedent Condition	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denied	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative/Criminal Cost Recovery														
Administrative Cost Recovery Ordered (Total)	\$106,625	\$319,398	\$220,298	\$233,948	\$0	\$41,859	\$14,050	\$0	\$24,960	\$32,879	\$0	\$3,706	\$0	\$117,454
Ordered with Revoked/Surrendered Decision	N/A	0	0	0	\$0	\$11,594	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,594
Ordered with All Other Decisions	\$106,625	\$319,398	\$220,298	\$233,948	\$0	\$30,265	\$14,050	\$0	\$24,960	\$32,879	\$0	\$3,706	\$0	\$105,860
Administrative Cost Recovery Collected	\$29,193	\$100,876	\$340,969	\$255,930	\$5,377	\$24,086	\$14,337	\$3,669	\$10,978	\$5,168	\$28,038	\$3,588	\$9,447	\$104,688
Criminal Cost Recover Ordered	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Criminal Cost Recover Collected	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Restitution to Consumers/Refunds/Savings														
Restitution Ordered	\$13,251	\$18,683	\$6,328	\$3,578	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amount Refunded	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rework at no Charge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjustments/Returns/Exchanges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Savings Achieved for Consumers	\$13,251	\$18,683	\$6,328	\$3,578	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0