



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 1, 2026
TO	California Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Justin Sotelo, Policy Specialist
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 15.D. Outreach

Approved Regulations Related to Minimum Standards for Alternate Veterinary Premises – Effective January 1, 2026

On January 20, 2026, the Board distributed an announcement to its email subscribers informing them about regulations approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) related to Minimum Standards for Alternate Veterinary Premises. The announcement summarized the regulatory changes. The [approved regulations](#) became effective on January 1, 2026.

Approved Regulations Related to Veterinary Drug Compounding – Effective April 1, 2026

On January 26, 2026, the Board distributed an announcement to its email subscribers informing them about regulations approved by OAL related to Veterinary Drug Compounding. The announcement summarized the regulatory changes. The [approved regulations](#) become effective on April 1, 2026.

Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Vacancy Recruitment

On January 26, 2026, the Board distributed an announcement to its email subscribers informing them that the Board was seeking two (2) veterinarian members, one (1) registered veterinary technician, and one (1) public member for four appointments to the nine-member MDC of the Board. An announcement was also posted on the Board’s website and social media platforms in January. A total of 11 applications were received and eight individuals were selected to be interviewed by the Board on April 15, 2026.

California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Board of Governors Meeting

On January 30 through February 1, 2026, the Board’s Vice President and Executive Officer (EO) attended CVMA’s Joint Leadership Forum and quarterly Board of Governors’ meeting in San Diego. An overview of Board activities since the last quarterly meeting was provided, as well information on topics the Board would be addressing at its April 2026 meeting.

On March 22, 2026, the Board's President and EO participated in CVMA's virtual Board of Governors' meeting.

Board Monthly Update—February 2026

On February 4, 2026, the Board distributed a monthly update to its email subscribers informing them about: the appointment of new Board member, Anna Orłowski; approved regulations related to Minimum Standards for Alternate Veterinary Premises; approved regulations related to Veterinary Drug Compounding; business and actions from the January 2026 MDC and Board meetings; MDC vacancy recruitment; SME recruitment; and, upcoming 2026 MDC and Board meeting dates.

American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Board of Directors Meeting

On February 12-15, 2026, the Board's EO observed the AAVSB's Board of Directors Meeting.

Electronic Patient Records Stakeholder Meeting

On February 25, 2026, the Board distributed an announcement to its email subscribers informing them about the MDC's Veterinary Practice Subcommittee's March 6, 2026 Electronic Patient Records Stakeholder meeting. The Subcommittee hosted the stakeholder meeting to discuss and seek feedback on potential regulations requiring electronic patient records. This meeting was held virtually through Microsoft Teams and was open to all veterinary professionals from small and large animal practices. Approximately 60 individuals participated in the meeting. An update regarding the stakeholder meeting will be provided to the MDC at their April 14, 2026 meeting.

Strategic Plan Updates

Unlicensed Veterinary Practice Outreach Related to Canine Reproductive Services (Strategic Plan Objective 5.1)

The Outreach Subcommittee worked on drafting materials for consumer education and dog show organizers. Materials (booklet, flyer, and social media content) regarding canine reproduction services were created by the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Publications, Design, and Editing team for the Board's website and social media platforms. On March 25, 2026, the Board posted the outreach materials on its website and launched a multi-week social media campaign on the topic of canine reproductive services and how breeding programs can be protected.

Demonstration Video Regarding Inspection Process (Strategic Plan Objective 5.5)

Board staff are working on a draft script for a demonstration video regarding the Board's inspection process. The intent of the video is to improve licensee understanding of the process and to improve compliance. Board staff will next meet with DCA's Office of Public Affairs' staff to move forward with the video project. Once completed, the video will be posted on the Board's website and social media platforms.

Unlicensed Veterinary Practice Outreach Related to Racetrack/Horse Shows (Strategic Plan Objective 5.8)

On March 3, 2026, the MDC's Unlicensed Practice Subcommittee (UPS) met with horse show management and received updates regarding their progress in dealing with unlicensed practice. All veterinarians must now provide their license number when registering to enter the horse show. On March 10, 2026, the UPS met with polo/horse show management to discuss unlicensed practice occurring within their events. On March 26, 2026, the UPS will visit the Desert International Horse Park – one of the largest horse show facilities in the U.S.