

MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 6, 2026
TO	California Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Chair Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 5C. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Report

C. MDC Current and Potential Future Assignments

Current Assignments:

- Minimum Standards for High Volume Spay and Neuter Events**
 As discussed in more detail [here](#), the MDC sought further guidance on recommendations regarding minimum standards regulations for high volume spay and neuter clinics. Since Assembly Bill (AB) [2010](#) (Soria, Chapter 284, Statutes of 2026), operative on January 1, 2027, could significantly impact the proposed regulatory language, the MDC put this on hold until the end of the legislative session. Now that AB 2010 has been approved by Governor Newsom and Chapter by the Secretary of State, the MDC will review the regulatory proposal at its December meeting.
- Racetrack, Polo Club, and Horse Show Events**
 As part of the Board's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan Objective 5.8, the Unlicensed Practice Subcommittee will be attending multiple polo club and horse show events in Southern California beginning in late October. They also will be meeting with the California Horse Racing Board to further discuss how consumers can better be educated on unlicensed practice.
- Subject Matter Expert (SME) Review**
 The Enforcement Subcommittee continues to review SME reports to ensure SMEs are appropriately applying the standard of care to enforcement cases. The Enforcement Subcommittee also reviews and updates guidance and training materials for SMEs and provides feedback directly to SMEs and during quarterly SME roundtables.

Potential Future Assignments:

- Potential Legislative Proposal Amending Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 4826 Regarding Advanced Reproductive Procedures

While creating the canine reproduction outreach materials, a member of the MDC's Outreach Subcommittee raised a concern that some advanced reproductive procedures, such as transcervical insemination, are not considered the practice of veterinary medicine in canines, but they are in equine and livestock under the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, as follows:

4826. A person practices veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry, and the various branches thereof, when the person does any one of the following:

[...]

(f) Performs any manual procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy, sterility, or infertility upon livestock or Equidae.

[...]

At the Board's direction, the MDC could draft a legislative proposal to include canines in BPC section 4826, subdivision (f).

- Potential Inspection-Related Legislative/Regulatory Proposals

During its updates to the Board's veterinary premises inspection checklists, the MDC's Enforcement Subcommittee (previously the Inspection Subcommittee) identified a need to clarify existing laws, close potential loopholes in federal regulations, and repeal redundant or otherwise unnecessary regulations. If the Board approves, the Enforcement Subcommittee can prepare a detailed report with concerns, seek input from stakeholders on how to address the concerns, and prepare potential recommendations for MDC/Board consideration.

- Disciplinary Guidelines/Uniform Standards

The Board's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan Objective 3.5 is to "Develop specific disciplinary guidelines for registered veterinary technicians (RVTs) and Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substance Permit (VACSP) holders to increase the consistent application of guidelines." The Board tasked the MDC with implementing this Strategic Plan objective. The MDC's RVT Subcommittee developed recommendations to update the Board's existing guidelines, rather than creating separate guidelines, to incorporate RVTs and VACSPs.

However, the Board's Executive Officer would like the MDC's assistance in updating other areas of the Disciplinary Guidelines related to placing veterinary premises registrants on probation, updating multiple probation terms and conditions, and better incorporating the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees.

- Academy of Veterinary Dental Technicians' (AVDT) Extraction Position Statement

As stated in its memo presented at the September 2026 MDC meeting, the RVT Subcommittee raised a concern related to the AVDT [Extraction Position Statement](#).

(September 11, 2026 MDC Meeting, [Agenda Item 5.A.](#), pp. 8-9.) This statement is in direct conflict with California law allowing RVTs to perform dental extractions under direct supervision. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 16, § [2036](#), subs. (b)(2).) AVDT makes it clear that their position “supersedes state practice acts,” and if an AVDT member violates this policy, “The VTS (Dentistry) title will be revoked permanently.”

The Subcommittee raised this issue for awareness, as it may contribute to an access to care issue. RVTs who are more specialized in dentistry likely will not perform any dental extractions due to the threat of losing their credential. At the same time, RVTs who may want additional dentistry foundation before performing dental extractions would not seek the dentistry credential.

If the Board would like, the MDC can research this issue further with stakeholders, such as AVDT, the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association, California Veterinary Medical Association, and American Veterinary Medical Association, and provide recommendations to the Board at a future meeting.