

MEMORANDUM

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TO	California Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Justin Sotelo, Policy Specialist
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 23.D. Outreach

New Board Member Announcement – C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM

On July 16, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom [announced](#) the appointment of C. Mike Tomlinson, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), to the Board. Dr. Tomlinson has been the veterinarian at Tomlinson Equine since 1984, Chief Executive Officer at Container Services Network since 2005, and Chief Operating Officer at Snap Seals since 2005. He was Chief Executive Officer at RubyElf from 2020 to 2021, President and Chief Executive Officer at Responde2 from 2017 to 2018, Chief Executive Officer at EveryByte from 2004 to 2018, Chief Operating Officer at the Diagnostic Archives/RadEMR from 2002 to 2004, and Chief Operating Officer at SmartPak from 2001 to 2002. Dr. Tomlinson is a board member of Horses and Humans Research Foundation. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Redlands, and a DVM degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Physiochemistry from the University of California, Davis.

Board Monthly Update—August 2025

On August 8, 2025, the Board distributed a monthly update to its email subscribers informing them about: conducted business and actions from the July 2025 Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) and Board meetings; the appointment of C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM, to the Board, the Board's September 23, 2025 Radiation Safety Webinar; subject matter expert (SME) recruitment; and, future meeting dates.

Board and California State Board of Pharmacy Joint Stakeholder Meeting

On August 21, 2025, the Board distributed an announcement to its email subscribers informing them about the October 1, 2025 Joint Stakeholder Meeting with the California State Board of Pharmacy. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss veterinarian and consumer access to compounded veterinary medications from in-state and out-of-state compounding pharmacies. The meeting will be held in person and virtually. A reminder announcement was also distributed the Board's email subscribers on September 23, 2025.

Board Monthly Update—September 2025

On September 18, 2025, the Board distributed a monthly update to its email subscribers informing them about: the Board's September 23, 2025 Radiation Safety Webinar; inspector and SME recruitment; and, future meeting dates. Information regarding the Radiation Safety Webinar was also posted on the Board's social media platforms in September.

Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action

On September 19, 2025, the Board distributed a required announcement to its email subscribers informing them about [proposed changes](#) to amend section 2036.5 of article 4 and sections 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, and 2094 of article 11 of division 20 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, concerning Veterinary Drug Compounding. The 45-day public comment period commenced on September 19 and concludes on November 3, 2025.

Radiation Safety Webinar

On September 23, 2025, the Board hosted a free webinar. The Board was joined by a representative from the Radiologic Health Branch (RHB) of the California Department of Public Health to discuss radiation safety and the RHB's inspection process.

There were approximately 156 individuals who participated in the webinar and the Board issued continuing education certificates to eligible participants. Once available, a link to the webinar video will be posted on the Board's website.

Board and California State Board of Pharmacy Joint Stakeholder Meeting

On October 1, 2025, the Board and the California State Board of Pharmacy held their Joint Stakeholder meeting to discuss veterinarian and consumer access to compounded veterinary medications from in-state and out-of-state compounding pharmacies. Approximately 65 individuals participated virtually, and 17 individuals participated in person.

Shelter Stakeholder Meeting

On October 9, 2025, the MDC's Unlicensed Practice Subcommittee will hold a stakeholder meeting with representatives from the shelter community to review a legislative proposal to amend Business and Professions Code section 4827 to prevent owners from performing surgery on their animals, with exceptions. They will also seek input from the shelter community on what statutes/regulations they believe hinder their ability to provide necessary services to the community and their animals.

California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)

On October 10, 2025, the Board's President and Executive Officer will attend CVMA's quarterly Board of Governor's meeting in Monterey. They will provide an overview of Board activities since their last quarterly meeting and strongly emphasize the importance of recruiting more subject matter experts to review enforcement cases.

Strategic Plan Updates

Tools and Education Resources Regarding Treatment Options Available in Veterinary Medicine (Strategic Plan Objective 5.6)

During the July meeting, the MDC's Outreach Subcommittee reported it provided input on a Spectrum of Care article for the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*; a dedicated Spectrum of Care article. That article was published and can be found [here](#).

On September 23, 2025, the Outreach Subcommittee and the Board's Executive Officer presented to the CCVMA in Fresno, CA. The presentation included a high-level overview of the Board and how the Board views spectrum of care. They clarified how the spectrum of care is considered the standard of care and explained the difference between spectrum of care, excessive treatment, and when treatment falls below the standard of care. They also emphasized the importance of documenting all discussions and encouraged documenting when a client declines services.