

MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 12, 2026
TO	California Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Justin Sotelo, Policy Specialist
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 12.D. Outreach

Shelter Stakeholder Meeting

On October 9, 2025, the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee's (MDC) Unlicensed Practice Subcommittee held a stakeholder meeting with representatives from the shelter community to review a legislative proposal to amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4827. The intent of the proposal is to prevent animal owners from performing surgery on their animals, with exceptions. The Subcommittee also sought input from the shelter community on what other statutes/regulations they believe hinder their ability to provide necessary services to the community and their animals.

After its work on the matter, the Subcommittee indicated that it believed the legislative proposal would prevent the most egregious forms of unlicensed practice (surgery) from occurring while preserving an animal owner's ability to provide necessary care to their animals.

The proposal was presented to the MDC and Board at their October 2025 meetings; it was approved by the Board with minor revisions and will now be submitted to the California State Legislature.

California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Board of Governors Meeting

On October 10, 2025, the Board's President and Executive Officer attended the CVMA's quarterly Board of Governors' meeting in Monterey. They provided an overview of Board activities since the last quarterly meeting and strongly emphasized the importance of recruiting more subject matter experts to review enforcement cases.

Board Monthly Update—October 2025

On October 10, 2025, the Board distributed a monthly update to its email subscribers informing them about: the MDC Outreach Subcommittee and Board Executive Officer presentation to the Central California Veterinary Medical Association on September 23, 2025; the Board's September 23, 2025 Radiation Safety Webinar; the October 1, 2025 Board and California State Board of Pharmacy Joint Stakeholder

Meeting; the October 9, 2025 MDC Unlicensed Practice Subcommittee Shelter Stakeholder Meeting; inspector and subject matter expert (SME) recruitment; CVMA's October 10, 2025 Board of Governors' Meeting; and, future MDC and Board meeting dates.

Radiation Safety Webinar

On October 14, 2025, a [link](#) to the Board's Radiation Safety Webinar was added to the Board's website.

Notice of Modified Text of Proposed Regulations—Minimum Standards for Alternate Veterinary Premises

On October 17, 2025, the Board distributed a required announcement (Notice) to its email subscribers informing them about modifications to proposed regulations to amend sections 2030, 2030.05, 2030.1, 2030.2, and 2030.3 of article 4 of division 20 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, concerning Minimum Standards for Alternate Veterinary Premises. The 15-day public comment period commenced on October 17 and concluded on November 3, 2025. The Modified Text was in response to clarity issues identified by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) during their review of the regulatory action; the Text was approved by the Board on October 15, 2025. In response to the Notice, the Board received one inquiry and one public comment. The inquiry was not adverse and the public comment did not pertain to the Modified Text, nor did it pertain to the originally proposed text. Therefore, no additional modifications to the Text were necessary.

As previously noted, the final rulemaking package was resubmitted to OAL on November 12, 2025 and approved on December 29, 2025. The approved regulations took effect on January 1, 2026.

Recruitment for California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Division Director

On October 22, 2025, the Board distributed an announcement to its email subscribers informing them about CDFA's recruitment efforts to fill its Division Director position for the Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division in Sacramento County. The final filing date was October 31, 2025 and [Stephen Beam, Ph.D.](#), was selected for the position.

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

On November 6-8, 2025, the Board's Executive Officer (EO) observed the AAVSB's Board of Directors Meeting.

The EO will also observe the AAVSB Board of Directors Meeting on January 13, 2026. An update will be provided as part of Agenda Item 8A.

Board Monthly Update—December 2025

On December 19, 2025, the Board distributed a monthly update to its email subscribers informing them about: chaptered 2025 legislation that the Board was monitoring in 2025; inspector and SME recruitment; and, 2026 MDC and Board meeting dates.