# ADVOCATE

MVCAC is the leading voice for mosquito and vector control in the California Legislature. Each year, the organization hosts a Legislative Day at the State Capitol where participants meet with legislators and decisionmakers to promote the importance of mosquito and vector control. MVCAC's Legislative Committee and Legislative Advocate continually monitor legislation that could potentially affect mosquito and vector control and take action appropriately. At the district level, MVCAC members promote grassroots outreach by maintaining relationships with their local policymakers and stakeholders, keeping MVCAC's efforts at the forefront of legislators' and policymakers' minds.

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### EDUCATE

MVCAC provides public education regarding mosquitoes and vectors through its "West Nile Virus and Mosquito & Vector Control Awareness Week." MVCAC provides media outlets statewide with up-to-date West Nile virus information in order to help educate and promote the prevention of mosquito and vector-borne diseases.

## TRAIN

MVCAC partners with the California Department of Public Health to maintain mosquito and vector control certification and continuing education for all mosquito and vector control technicians. California mosquito and vector control technicians are trained and certified to use the most advanced techniques, as well as products registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

#### TRACK

Through its Integrated Vector Management Committee, MVCAC tracks environmental activities such as California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation and best management practices, which can potentially impact MVCAC members' ability to provide public health and environmental protection services.

### COORDINATE

MVCAC hosts an annual conference that allows members to stay abreast of changing trends in mosquito and vector control, discuss pending legislation, complete continuing education units, and network with other mosquito and vector control experts in order to improve strategies to protect public health and the environment. The MVCAC Annual Conference is attended by MVCAC members, policymakers, and scientific personnel from across the country as well as some international attendees looking to learn from California's best practices.

MVCAC collaborates with other state agencies such as the California State Water Resources Control Board to ensure that mosquito control activities across the state are able to effectively safeguard public health while protecting the environment.



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