# Call to Present a Poster and
# William E. Walton Poster Competition

**MVCAC**
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California

Applications for the 2025 Poster Session and William E. Walton Poster Competition will be accepted through **October 4, 2024.** The objective of the competition is to recognize exceptional poster presentations in the field of mosquito and vector control research and operations in honor of the late Dr. William (Bill) E. Walton who was passionate about and committed his career to entomology and vector ecology. Presentations entered to compete should be focused on basic, applied science or scientific methods, include a clear hypothesis, experiment(s), and result(s), and cannot be purely theoretical. For more information, please refer to the William E. Walton Poster Competition guidelines and rules documents. This application is for all poster submissions, interested applicants for the Walton Competition must opt-in to the competition on the application form.

## Poster / Walton Competition Requirements

### Poster Presenter Tips
1. Your poster must be easily read from 2 – 3 feet away.
2. Use "simple" fonts large enough to be viewed 2 – 3 feet away from the poster.
3. Recommended sans serif fonts are Tahoma, Calibri, or Arial. Not recommended are serif fonts like Times New Roman, Book Antiqua or other artistic fonts. Maximum poster size is 3 feet high by 4 feet wide.
4. Use contrasting colors that are easy to read.
5. Have another staff member proofread the document and provide feedback on the layout.
6. Use a consistent format for text and headings throughout the poster.
7. Make your graphics large enough to read clearly at 2 – 3 feet away from the poster.
8. Include your title, author name(s) and affiliation(s) and contact information, either email or telephone, for all the authors if more than one.
10. Consider having more graphic illustrations and fewer words.
11. It is highly recommended to have reduced copies (8.5"x11" or 8.5" x 14") available near your poster**. (required for Walton competition)**

### All Poster Presenter Guidelines

1. The Author will be responsible for transporting the poster and for travel to and from the conference.
2. You must register for the conference to present your poster for judging.
3. **Your poster must be arranged in the following: Abstract, Introduction/Background, Objectives, Methods/materials, Results, Discussion/Conclusion, References (required for Walton competition)**
4. Prepare your poster in landscape orientation, a typical poster size is 24 x 36," you will be sharing a poster stand with another presenter, using the recommended size ensures both posters fit on the stand.
5. All Posters will be accepted.
6. Do not mount your posters on foam board. Posters will be hung on a fabric covered poster stand. Appropriate attachment items to hang the posters are provided and may include thumbtacks, straight pins, or clips.
7. Authors are responsible for displaying their posters in the correct location. Site specific instructions will be sent out prior to the conference.
8. **Presenters should be prepared to be at their posters during the lunch period on Monday at the conference. (this is required for the Walton competition judging).**
9. Posters are displayed from Sunday afternoon through the end of the meeting on Tuesday. They MUST be displayed by Monday morning at 8 AM (**required for Walton competition or they cannot be judged**). Authors are responsible for removing their posters by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday or as directed by the Conference Coordinator – Rachel Hickerson. Any posters not picked up will be discarded.

### Walton Competition Requirements
1. You must submit either a short abstract or full abstract for your poster when signing up for the competition.
2. **Reduced copies of your poster are required for judging and must be provided at the conference**
3. Winners will be announced at the Tuesday evening banquet

# 93rd Annual Conference
## January 26-29, 2025

## Poster session and William E. Walton Poster Application

This application is also available online here: https://form.jotform.com/241775488144163

Title of Poster: _____

Please indicate if you would like the poster to be included in the William E. Walton Poster Competition ☐ Opt-in

First Author full name and district:
(including any degrees held)

Email Address:

Presenting Author full name and district: (including any degrees held)

Additional Author(s) full name and district (including any degrees held):

Additional Author(s) full name and district (including any degrees held):

Additional Author(s) full name and district (including any degrees held):

Name and email of person submitting poster: