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ABANDONED WATERCRAFT ABATEMENT FUND (AWAF) INFORMATION SUMMARY

As required by the provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 172 (Chapter 930, Statutes of 1997), the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) implemented the AWAF program to address the problem of abandoned vessels. The purpose of the program is to provide funds to public local agencies to remove, store, and dispose of abandoned, wrecked, or dismantled vessels or any other partially submerged objects which pose a substantial hazard to navigation.

Per Harbors and Navigation Code §527, a 10-percent matching contribution is required. This fund may be rendered in cash, or through in-kind contributions which must be verified, and are at the discretion of DBW. These contributions may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Administrative costs
- Personnel hours
- Removal
- Storage

To participate, interested agencies must submit the following by April 30:

1. [Letter of Intent](#)

On your agency's letterhead, title this page "Letter of Intent" and include your statement of need and plan of action.

2. [Application Form and Questionnaire](#)

DBW will review all applications and award grants by July 1 of each year or as soon as budgetary authority is given. If awarded a grant, agencies will be required to enter into a standard state contract with DBW. The contract will include general terms and conditions and AWAF reporting requirements.

If you have any questions concerning the AWAF, visit our Web site at www.dbw.parks.ca.gov, or contact Susan Sykes, at (916) 327-1825; or e-mail ssykes@dbw.ca.gov.