



## Funding Opportunities for Reservoir Owners & Managers

# QUAGGA & ZEBRA

The Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program (QZ Grant Program) managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways is for owners and managers of uninfested reservoirs throughout the state.

The QZ Grant Program provides funds for projects that prevent the introduction of quagga and zebra (dreissenid) mussels into California's reservoirs. Projects can include the preparation of prevention plans, provide for watercraft inspectors, launch monitors, watercraft decontamination units, educational signage, and outreach displays.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Funding is available for quagga and zebra mussel prevention projects for reservoirs as defined in Section 6004.5 of the Water Code.

- Applicants can be any entity that owns or manages a reservoir, or any aspect of the water in a reservoir where recreational, boating, or fishing activities are permitted. (Harbors and Navigation Code §676.1; Fish and Game Code §2302.)
- The reservoir must be uninfested with quagga or zebra mussels.
- The reservoir must be open to the public for recreational activities.

*(Boat cleaning, decontamination station shown below)*



Funding for the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program comes from the California boater registration mussel fee.



## POSSIBLE GRANT PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Development of a prevention plan designed to prevent the introduction of nonnative quagga and zebra mussel species.
- Implementation projects may consist of, but are not limited to: watercraft inspections, decontamination processes and units, banding programs, mussel monitoring, mechanical ramp arms, and education and outreach etc. To be eligible for these types of projects, a prevention plan must have already been completed and accepted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

### Project Type, Funding, and Timing Requirements:

- **Tier 1-Planning/Assessment Projects:** Maximum funding is \$200,000 with a two year project completion requirement.
- **Tier 2-Implementation Projects:** Maximum funding is \$400,000 with a two year project completion requirement.

For additional information on the **QZ Grant Program** eligibility, application process and deadlines, please contact: [QZGrant@parks.ca.gov](mailto:QZGrant@parks.ca.gov)

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