

**Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund
Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange Grants (SAVE)
February 2019**

Summary:

Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is authorized in the Harbors and Navigation Code Section 525 to provide grant funding to local public agencies for the abatement, removal, storage and disposal of abandoned or surrendered recreational vessels, and for the removal of other water hazards on California's waterways. The removal of these abandoned vessels, water hazards, and/or the interception of derelict vessels, increases public and navigational safety, and removes or prevents environmental contamination.

The Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grants allow grantees the ability to use their grant funds for either removal of abandoned vessels (previously accomplished through the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund grants) or to receive surrendered vessels (previously under the Vessel Turn-In Program).

Funding Source: Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF)

FY18/19 Funding Available: \$2,750,000

Typical Grant Size: \$5,000 to \$250,000

Program Updates:

For the FY2018/19 grant cycle, 19 agencies received grants totaling \$2,502,341. All 19 agencies received 100% of requested funds.

SB1 allocated an additional \$1 million to the AWAF fund therefore, a balance of \$247,659 of unencumbered funding remains which will return to the Abandon Watercraft Abatement Fund.

Goals and Objectives for FY 19/20:

- 1) Continue to conducting the annual workshop and site visits.
- 2) Continue to increase public awareness of VTIP by distributing SAVE brochures to the intended audiences.
- 3) Make direct contact with marina operators about the program.
- 4) Increase awareness of the program to inland communities.