



Department of Parks and Recreation

DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS

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To: Recreational Boating Stakeholders and Public

INVITATION: Kick-Off Meeting for Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF) Stakeholder Engagement

Introduction

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) invites you to participate in a virtual kick-off meeting regarding the future of the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF). As a valued partner in California's boating community, your perspective is essential as we begin the required stakeholder engagement process.

This initiative is designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the fund, which supports critical programs including, but not limited to:

- Boating safety
- Law enforcement
- Infrastructure grants
- Aquatic invasive species management

Meeting Details

We will be hosting this introductory session virtually to ensure broad participation from across the state.

- *Date: Friday, May 8, 2026*
- *Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (A calendar invitation with instructions will follow)*
- **Location:** Virtual via Microsoft Teams
- **RSVP:** Email PubInfo@parks.ca.gov with the subject line "HWRF Engagement 05/2026"
- **Purpose:** To outline the engagement roadmap, define key objectives for the HWRF review, and establish a collaborative framework for future discussions.

Why Your Participation Matters

HWRF is the primary funding source for many of the services that keep California's waterways safe and accessible. This kick-off meeting serves as the foundation for a transparent and inclusive dialogue. We aim to:

- Provide a clear overview of the current status of the HWRF.
- Review past stakeholders' engagement initiatives.
- Gather additional feedback on stakeholder priorities.
- Review the timeline for the upcoming engagement sessions.
- Inform DBW on drafting long-term solutions.

Next Steps

Please save the date on your calendar. A formal agenda and the Microsoft Teams meeting link will be distributed once finalized. We look forward to collaborating with you to ensure that California remains a premier destination for recreational boating.

Sincerely,

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