



DEFINITIONS

Applicant – means an entity that files an application for funding under the provision of the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program (QZ Grant Program).

Application Packet – required information submitted to DBW to request funding for a project.

Biennial Grant Term -- the QZ grant term is for two years.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – is a statute that requires state and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impact of their actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible.

Conveyance – is the action of transporting someone or something from one place to another. For purposes of the QZ Grant Program, conveyance includes boats and other watercraft, and associated vehicles, containers, and trailer that may carry or contain adult or larval dreissenid mussels (Harbors and Navigation Code Section 676(d)).

Contract – is an agreement between two parties in the form of a legal document which is binding.

Dreissenid Mussels – is the genus of freshwater mussels containing quagga and zebra mussels.

Early-Detection Mussel Monitoring – field monitoring at the reservoir, for quagga and/or zebra mussels, where data from plankton tows, artificial substrates, and/or surface surveys is collected and analyzed, as applicable. This data is used to demonstrate that the reservoir is uninfested.

Eligibility – means the criteria that must be met to apply for funding.

Eligible Applicant – is an applicant that meets the eligibility requirements set forth in the Grant Guidelines.

Equipment – means tangible property that has a normal useful life of at least one year and has a unit acquisition cost of at least \$5000 (i.e. five identical assets which cost \$1000 each, for a total of \$5000, would not meet this requirements). Equipment does not include expendable items.

Evaluation/Selection Criteria – means a set of requirements used to select a project for a given program or funding.

Implementation Project – refers to on-the-ground project, such as watercraft inspections, a small scale construction project, equipment etc. It is referred to as a Tier 2 Project.

Ineligible Applicant – is an applicant that does not meet the eligibility criteria to apply for funding.



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Ineligible Projects – means projects that do not meet the eligibility criteria for funding. See the Grant Guidelines document for eligibility.

Letter of Approval – is similar to a Resolution, however the letter of approval is utilized when there is no governing board. It is signed by an executive officer and authorizes a designated representative's title to sign the application, contract/agreement, claims for reimbursement/payment, etc. A template is available.

Milestones – are intermediate steps or checkpoints to track the success of the project in meeting its goals.

National Environment Protection Act (NEPA) – is a process to ensure that environmental factors are weighted equally when compared to other factors in the decision making process undertaken by federal agencies. Federal projects require NEPA compliance. A project is subject to NEPA if it; requires a federal permit, entitlement, or authorization, requires federal funding, will occur on federal land, or is jointly carried out by a federal agency.

Nonprofit Organization – means any California corporation organized under Sections 501c (3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(5) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code.

Planning and Assessment Project – consists of planning or assessment to develop a Prevention Plan meeting the requirements of Fish and Game Code Section 2302, and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 672.1(b). It is referred to as a Tier 1 Project.

Prevention Plan – is document which includes an organized approach to prevent the spread of dreissenid mussel into a defined reservoir and shall include public education, monitoring, and inspection for infestation. A Prevention Plan must meet the requirements found in Fish and Game Code Section 2302 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 672.1(b).

Private Party/Entity – refers to an entity that is not a unit of government, including but limited to a corporation, partnership, company, nonprofit organization or other legal entity or natural person.

Project – refers to the entire set of actions, including planning, permitting, constructing, monitoring, and reporting on all of the proposed activities, including structural and non-structural implementation of dreissenid mussel prevention activities, that are conducted as part of a QZ Grant. Projects are either Planning and Assessment projects, or Implementation projects. A Planning and Assessment Project is the preparation or revision of a Prevention Plan. An Implementation Project can include but is not limited to: watercraft inspection stations and inspectors, launch monitors, watercraft decontamination processes and decontamination equipment, educational signage and outreach, banding programs, mussel monitoring, installation of mechanical ramp arms, etc.

Project Area – refers to the geographical boundaries, as defined by the applicant, which encompasses the area where the project will be planned/implemented, including the area where the benefits and impacts of project implementation and planning activities extend. For projects



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developing a Prevention Plan, the project area must include the entire area covered in the planning activities.

Project Eligibility – mean that the project must meet specific requirements to be eligible for funding. See the Grant Guidelines document.

Proposal – refers to all of the supporting documentation submitted that details the project and actions that are proposed for funding pursuant to an application for a grant.

Public Agency – is any city, county, district, the State, federal government, or any agency or department thereof.

Quagga Mussel – a species of non-native dreissenid mussel, *Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*

Reasonable Regulatory Costs – include program costs associated with the investigation and inspection of a conveyance for the presence of dreissenid mussels prior to contact with a reservoir or costs incident to the implementation of a Prevention Plan.

Regional-Scale Prevention Plan – this plan shall include the impact such as; an economic, ecological, recreational, and/or other regional impacts from a dreissenid mussel infestation in surrounding areas. It is developed through a coordinated effort that involves multiple agencies within a regional area. The components of the program could vary based on the situation.

Reservoir – Section 6004.5 of the California Water Code, defines a “reservoir” as “any reservoir which contains or will contain the water impounded by a dam”.

Resolution – Similar to a Letter of Approval, a resolution is a formal document from an official governing body, i.e., City, Council, County Board of Supervisors, Harbormaster, Port District, etc. which authorizes a designated representative(s) title to sign the application, contract/agreement, and any claims for payment or reimbursement. A template is available.

Review Panel – Panel composed of State Parks/DBW and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) staff and management who review, evaluate, score, and rank the project proposals to determine award funding.

Submersive Material – a hard surface material used in reservoirs to detect mussels. When the material is submersed in water, the mussels will attach to the hard surface. This is used as a monitoring device for the detection of mussel infested waters.

Submersive materials may include plankton tows, and artificial substrates (PVC pipe and plates with a cable) that are lowered into the reservoir.

Vulnerability Assessment – is a portion of a Prevention Plan which assesses the likelihood of a dreissenid mussel introduction and infestation. It is a written document that identifies all activities and actions that occur at the reservoir and evaluates the potential for introducing quagga and zebra mussels to the reservoir.

Zebra Mussel - is a species of non-native Dreissenid mussel, *Dreissena polymorpha*.