### Divisions of Boating and Waterways, Historic Preservation and Off-Highway Vehicles

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# Boating and Waterways Commission to Advise and Comment on \$800,000 in Boating Facility Improvement Grants

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Boating and Waterways Commission (Commission) meets August 20 in Pittsburg to advise and comment on \$800,000 in boating facility improvement grants. The meeting is open to the public and will convene at 9 a.m. at the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #1474, 200 Marina Blvd.

Items the Commission will advise and comment on include:

# **Upper Sunrise Boat Launching Facility: Sacramento County**

Commission will advise and comment on Sacramento County's request for a \$500,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund Grant to pave and stripe the existing boat launching facility parking area, add a gravel base to the overflow parking area and repave the connecting roadway between the parking areas.

# **Lower Blue Oaks Boat Launching Facility: Tuolumne County**

Commission will advise and comment on Don Pedro's Recreation Agency request for a \$300,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund Grant to plan, permit and establish an engineer's estimate of probable construction costs to construct a concrete parking area and add boarding floats to the low-water boat launch ramp and construct a boater restroom at the upper (high-water) boat launch facilities.

Other topics of discussion will include California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterway's (DBW) public safety, oceanography and boating infrastructure grant programs, and public input on a change in regulations for the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Grant Program.

A detailed agenda of the meeting and information on the commission may be found on the Commission's website.

The Commission is mandated by the Harbors and Navigation Code to advise and comment on all matters within the jurisdiction of DBW. The Commission must also advise and comment on all boating facilities loans and grants proposed by the division.

DBW provides grants to a county, city, district or other public agency for the construction of small craft boating launching facilities and loans to local agencies for the construction of small craft harbors. Grant and loan applications are submitted to DBW and funding for approved projects is derived from the taxes paid by boaters on the purchase of vessel gasoline and the repayment of principal and interest on department-made loans.

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