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2017 Boating Infrastructure Grant Available for Marina Operators

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Public and private marina owners can now apply for a Federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) through California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). The deadline to submit applications to DBW is Aug. 1, 2017.

BIG is a competitive program open to both publicly and privately owned marinas to renovate or construct visitor docks, restrooms, gangways and dockside utility hook-ups for recreational boats 26 feet or greater in length. California BIG funding for 2017/18 totals \$1.7 million. A total of \$8 million is available for BIG projects nationally.

The BIG Program is intended to:

- Enhance access to recreational, historic, cultural and scenic resources
- Strengthen community ties to water's edge and economic benefits
- Promote public/private partnerships and entrepreneurial opportunities
- Provide continuity of public access to the shore
- Promote awareness to transient boating opportunities

BIG is funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Applicants should first review the <u>federal guidelines and application instructions</u> to determine if they meet the necessary requirements. Marina operators eligible to compete in this program should contact Lisa Fernandes at <u>Lisa.Fernandes@parks.ca.gov</u> or (916) 327-1819.

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