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Division of Boating and Waterways Now Accepting Applications for Shoreline Erosion Control and Public Beach Restoration Grants

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is now accepting grant applications for shoreline erosion control and public beach restoration projects. The deadline to submit applications for funding in fiscal year 2020/21 is Friday, Feb. 1, 2019.

Shoreline erosion control and public beach restoration grants assist federal, state, regional and local government agencies by providing funding for projects that stop or reverse the impact of erosion on California's shoreline. Generally, agencies use shoreline erosion control grants to build structures that protect developed shoreline areas against wave erosion, and they use public beach restoration grants to strategically place sand on eroded beaches.

While the amount of available funding is not known at this time, in fiscal year 2018/19 the program was able to provide \$1.3 million in funding for projects such as seawalls at Pismo Beach (see photo below) and beach restoration planning in San Clemente.

Grant funding is available through a competitive process. To apply for a grant, an agency must submit a formal application to DBW requesting funding for a specific phase of a project (study, planning, feasibility, design or construction) along with a resolution from its governing body authorizing the application for grant funding. Projects are authorized through the state budget process. Funding for fiscal year 2020/21 is expected to be authorized for individual projects in June 2020.

Sections 65 through 67.4 of the Harbors and Navigation Code (HNC) authorizes DBW to study erosion problems, act as shore protection advisor to all agencies of government, and plan, design and construct protective works when funds are provided by the Legislature. In addition, HNC Sections 69.5-69.9 authorize the division to pursue and promote federal and local partnerships to restore, enhance, and nourish publicly owned beaches through the cost-effective engineered placement of sand on the beach or in the nearshore environment.

Additional information about the application process is available on [DBW's website](#). For questions on the application process, please contact DBW Project Manager Casey Caldwell at (916) 327-1787 or at Casey.Caldwell@parks.ca.gov.



Beach restoration at Seal Beach (left). Seawall construction at Pismo Beach (right).

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