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Clean Vessel Act Education and Outreach Grant Applications Due October 15

Recreational Boater Sewage Pumpout Education Critical for Water Quality Protection

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is now accepting grant applications for the Clean Vessel Act Education and Outreach Grant Program. A maximum of \$225,000 of federal funding per targeted region is available to organizations for educating coastal and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta boaters about proper vessel sewage disposal, the use of pumpout facilities, and to monitor pumpout stations in the identified regions. The deadline to submit applications is **Oct. 15, 2018 at 5 p.m.**

In 1992, Congress passed the Clean Vessel Act to help reduce pollution from vessel sewage discharges into U.S. waters. The grant program established by the Act, serves as an important educational opportunity to all boaters to keep California's water clean. Discharging sewage overboard creates environmental and human health problems. To reduce the negative impacts of discharging sewage overboard, all boaters are encouraged to use sewage management facilities, including pumpout stations, dump stations and mobile pumpout services.

The grant program focuses on two targeted geographic regions of California:

San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary

Counties of:

Alameda	Napa	San Mateo	Sonoma
Contra Costa	Sacramento	Santa Clara	
Marin	San Francisco	Santa Cruz	
Monterey	San Joaquin	Solano	

Southern California Coast

Counties of:

Los Angeles	San Diego	Santa Barbara
Orange	San Luis Obispo	Ventura

As part of DBW's commitment to provide clean, safe and enjoyable recreational boating in California, the division serves as the state grant coordinator. DBW will fund two grants (one for each targeted California geographic region) that will develop and implement a **12 month** Clean Vessel Act Boater Education and Outreach Program for each of the two targeted geographic regions mentioned above. **Each regional grant must include: 1) education and outreach and 2) monitoring.** Applications will be evaluated and ranked according to how each application proposal demonstrates comprehensive and proven methods for meeting grant program goals.

Information on the grant program, as well as the current grant application, requirements and complete guidelines packet are available [online](#) or by request via email to Vivian.Matuk@coastal.ca.gov and Lisa.Fernandes@parks.ca.gov.

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