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Division of Boating and Waterways Now Accepting Grant Applications to Keep California's Waterways Clean *Grant Applications due October 14, 2019*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is now accepting grant applications for the Clean Vessel Act Education and Outreach (CVAEO) Grant Program. A maximum of \$262,000 in federal funding per targeted region is available to organizations for educating coastal and San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary boaters about proper vessel sewage disposal, use of pumpout facilities, and monitoring pumpout stations. The deadline to submit applications is **Monday, Oct. 14, 2019 before 10 a.m.**

In 1992, Congress passed the Clean Vessel Act and established the CVAEO Grant Program to help reduce pollution from vessel sewage discharges into U.S. waters. 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. DBW uses federal Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund grants to support this program.

The grant program targets two 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.

In the last grant cycle, some highlights and accomplishments included:

- Participating in eight boating events and conducting 18 clean boating seminars sharing clean boating practices to reduce boat sewage impacts with more than 2,300 boaters.
- Distributing more than 7,860 clean boating publications promoting sewage best management practices.
- Distributing more than 300 universal deck fitting adapter kits.
- Developing and promoting the first in the nation [sewage pumpout Nav App](#) (8,645+ downloads since March 2018). This app helps boaters locate nearby functioning sewage pumpout stations and displays cost, hours and location within marinas.
- Monitoring 150 sewage pumpouts in 19 counties to encourage better maintenance and accountability.

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](#).

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