

**Quagga and Zebra Mussel
Infestation Prevention
Grant Program
(QZ Grant Program)**

2024 Grant Update

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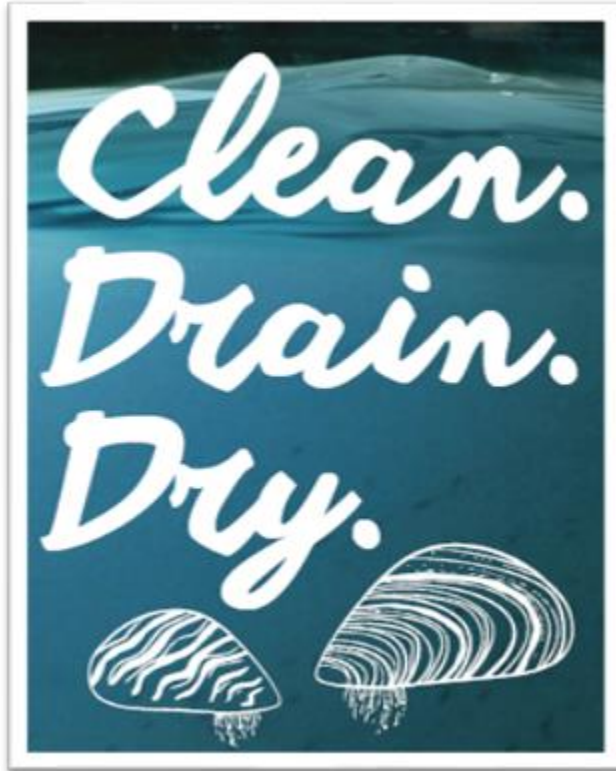


Welcome

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QZ Grant Program



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2024 QZ Grant Update - AGENDA



Program Overview

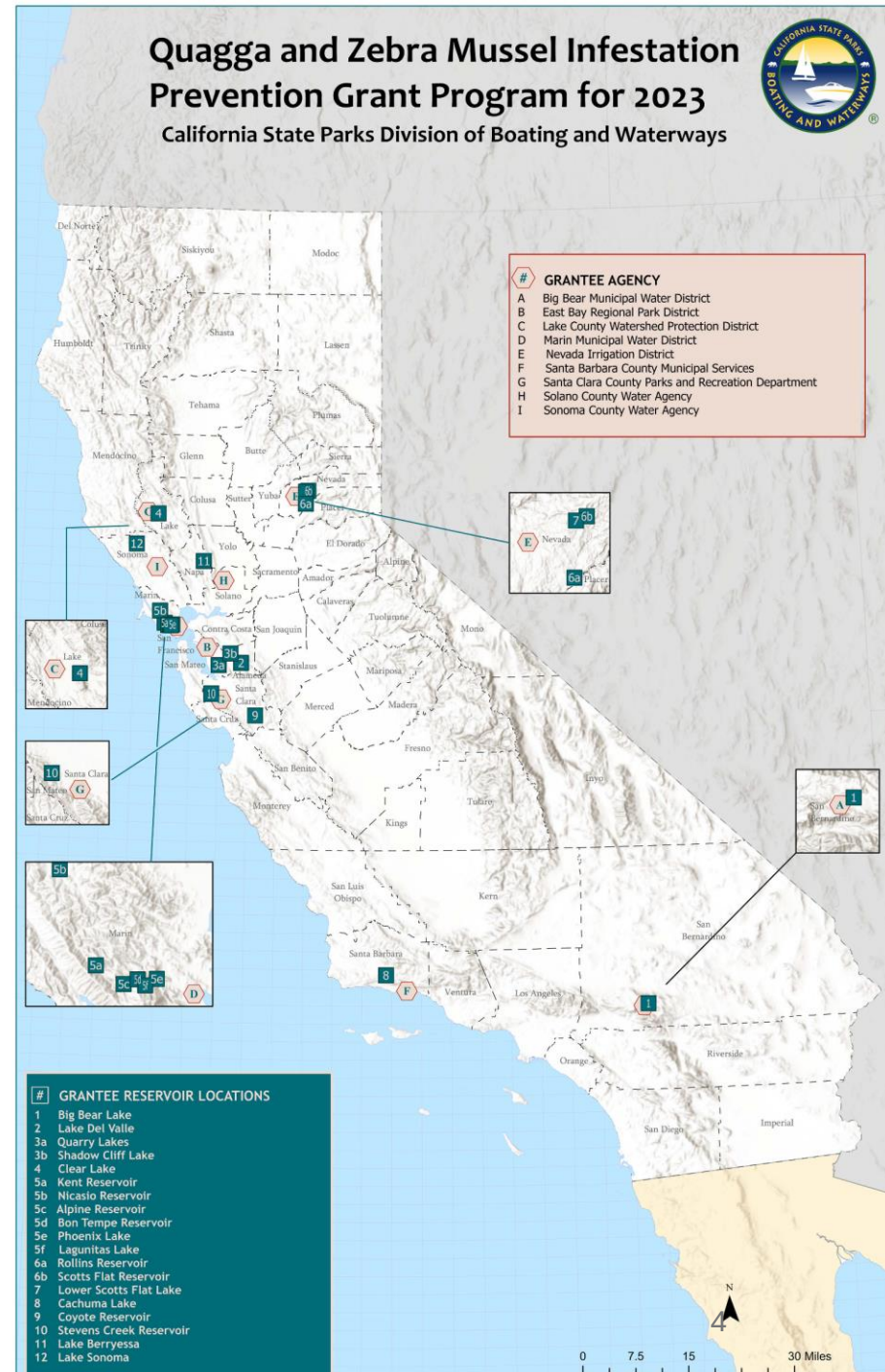
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- History
- Mussel Fee Sticker Sales
- Revisions Since Last Year
- Timeline
- Contacts



**Question time
will be offered
at the end of
this short
presentation.**

2023 QZ Grant Program Metrics

- ▶ 17 applications received
- ▶ 13 unique applicants
- ▶ 12 projects funded
- ▶ \$2.98M awarded





QZ Grant Program History

Investment since 2014

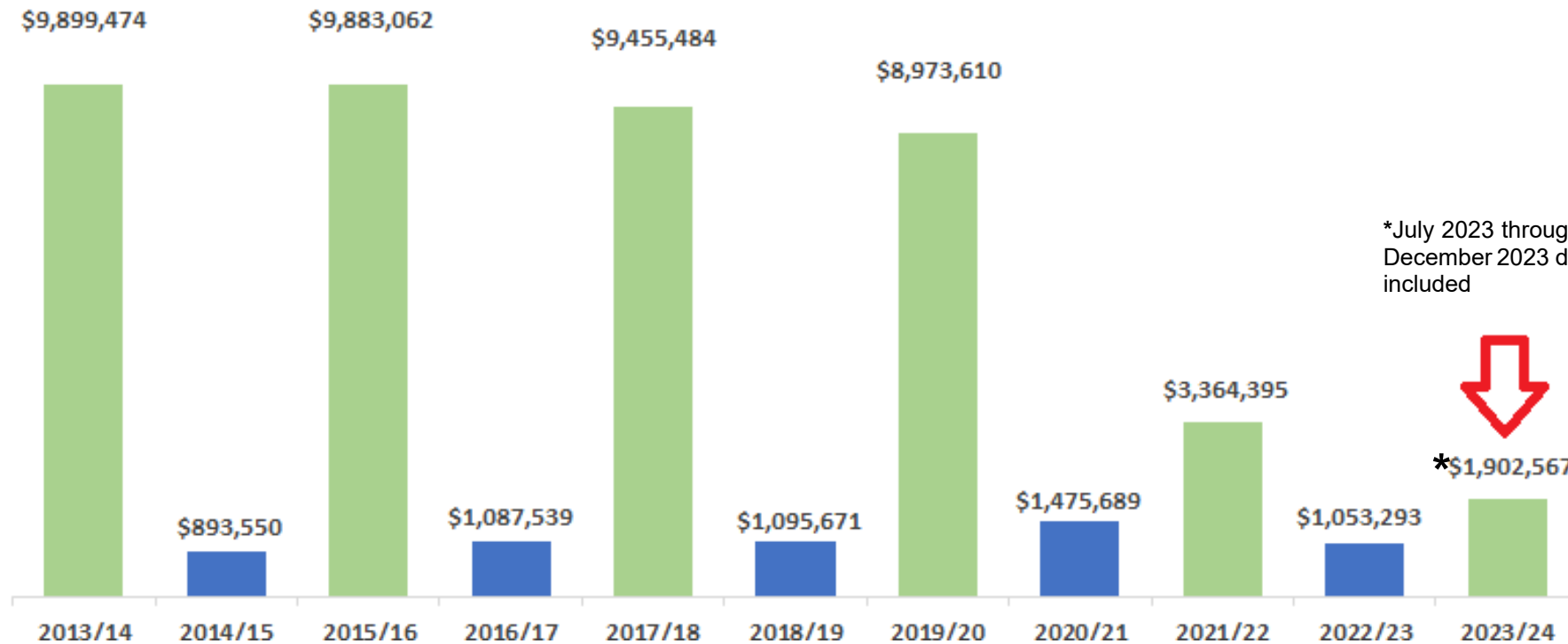


- ▶ 107 projects
- ▶ 69 unique reservoirs
- ▶ 43 unique agencies
- ▶ **\$24.8 Million invested**



Mussel Fee Sticker Sales

MUSSEL FEE STICKER SALES BY FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1 - JUNE 30)



*July 2023 through
December 2023 data is
included

Mussel Fee Sticker Outreach



Scan to request your sticker from DMV



2025 Mussel Fee Sticker



GET YOUR MUSSEL FEE STICKER

The "Mussel Fee Sticker" (also known as the Quagga Sticker) funds statewide quagga and zebra mussel prevention efforts. Recreational boat owners are required to purchase and display a current sticker if their boats will be used in fresh water. This includes inland waterways, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, wetlands and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Failure to properly display the sticker may result in denial of access or citation.

HOW TO GET A MUSSEL FEE STICKER:

1. Online at dmv.ca.gov/MusselFee, or in person at a DMV field office, or at your local auto club office such as AAA.
2. Pay \$16 fee (sticker valid for up to two years, depending on purchase date)
3. Properly display the Mussel Fee Sticker on your boat.



Scan the QR code to request your sticker

The current Mussel Fee Sticker must be displayed on the hull next to the current boat registration sticker. Paying the mussel fee does not entitle vessels to bypass quagga or zebra mussel inspections or fees that may be required by individual reservoir owners or managers.



For more information about a Mussel Fee Sticker, visit the DMV website at: dmv.ca.gov/MusselFee or call DMV at 1-916-657-8035.


For information on California's quagga and zebra mussel prevention efforts please contact the California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways at 1-888-326-2822 or visit dbw.parks.ca.gov/StopQZ.

DBW's QZ Flyer



2024 Revisions

- ✓ \$2M pending available funding
- ✓ Tier 1 and 2 narratives
- ✓ Review and scoring documents
- ✓ Guidelines
- ✓ Grant Agreement



Applicants can no longer apply for overlapping grant cycles for the same reservoir; they will need to reapply every other year.

This means that if a reservoir is currently covered by a two-year 2023 QZ Grant, that reservoir will not be considered for a QZ Grant until the 2025 solicitation.



2024 Timeline

- ▶ **April 1** - OLGA opened for applications
- ▶ **April 4** - Presentation
- ▶ **May 10** –Application deadline, 5 p.m. PDT
- ▶ **August** – Award decisions communicated
- ▶ **September** - 2-year grant term begins
- ▶ **September 2026** - Grant term expiration/project completion and all funds expended

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QZ GRANT PROGRAM RESOURCES

Funding Opportunities for Reservoir Owners & Managers

QZ Grantee Resources

GENERAL INQUIRIES

Email us at QZGrant@parks.ca.gov

If you have questions about the Mussel Sticker, [visit our informational page here.](#)

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California water body authorities very early recognized the westward spread of mussel infestation via the Colorado River system and the potential harm to state waterways should our lakes and reservoirs be invaded. To help prevent California waterways from infestation, DBW was authorized to manage the collection and use of the quagga and zebra mussel infestation prevention fees from California fresh water boaters.

CLICK HERE to Subscribe to the QZ Grant Program Notifications

Funding Opportunities for Reservoir Owners & Managers

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [2024 QZ Grant Solicitation \(Press Release\)](#)
- [2024 Solicitation Notice](#)
- [2024 QZ Grant Presentation Notice and Agenda](#)
- QZ Grant Program Notifications Sent
 - [Grant Announcement Notice, Sent 3/4/2024](#)
 - [Grant Solicitation Notice and Presentation, Sent 3/26/2024](#)

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- [QZ Grant Guidelines 2024](#)
- For New Applicants: [QZ Grant Program Overview Video](#)
- [OLGA Step-By-Step Instructions](#)
- [Link to Online Grant Application \(OLGA\)](#)
- [OLGA Instructional Video](#)
- [Scope of Work and Table of Deliverables](#)
 - [Tier 1: Planning/Assessment Project Narrative Instructions --OR--](#)
 - [Tier 2: Implementation Project Narrative Instructions](#)
- [Resolution/Letter of Approval Template](#)
 - [Sample Owner/Management Authority Information](#)

REFERENCE MATERIALS

- [Tier 1 and Tier 2 Project Comparison](#)
- [QZ Grant Review and Scoring Questions](#)
- [If Awarded: Example of Early Detection Mussel Monitoring Requirements for Grantees](#)

GRANT STATUS BY FISCAL YEAR



Website Resources

► <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/QZGrant>

- Grant announcements
- Applications materials
- Reference materials
- Contact information

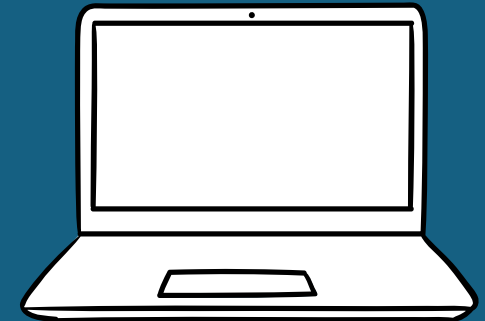
► Links to CDFW:

- QZ information
- CDFW Regional Scientist contact list

Application Reminders



- ✓ Start your application sooner than later!
- ✓ Save often to avoid losing any work
- ✓ Refer to the QZ Grant webpage or OLGA for updated templates and OLGA instructions
- ✓ Use updated templates
- ✓ Make sure all required documents are uploaded to OLGA by the deadline
- ✓ Submit your application by the deadline:
May 10, 5:00 p.m. PDT



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Contact Information

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- ▶ 888-326-2822

CDFW Invasive Species Program

- ▶ Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov
- ▶ 866-440-9530

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Thanks!