

## **Alternative Funding Subcommittee Draft Recommendations**

Boating and Waterways Commission Subcommittee on Alternative Funding makes the following recommendations:

1. Recommend a legislative revision to the Harbors and Navigation Code Section 675 to amend subsection (d) to prevent co-mingling of Mussel Fee Sticker (aka Quagga Sticker or mussel sticker) funds within the general Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund revenues as well as establishing the fund to be continuously appropriated.
  - Recommend that the Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Administrative Services create a continuously appropriated subaccount within the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, for the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Fee to ensure compliance with Harbors and Navigation Code Section 676. Creation of Quagga and Zebra Mussel Fund subaccount will ensure that designated mussel sticker funds are only spent on QZ Grant Program activities.
  
2. Recommend the Aquatic Invasive Plant Control Program be funded by beneficiaries of the services rendered to control aquatic invasive plants in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta through this general formula:
  - Approximately 30 percent funded through the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund on an annual basis;
  - Approximately 30 percent funding through the Water Resources Recreation Fund on an annual basis;
  - Approximately 20 percent funding through the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Fund;
  - Approximately 20 percent funding through the General Fund on an annual basis.
  - Recommend ongoing Advisory Group be formed of beneficiaries selected by Commission with input from Department. Representatives selected will be from those benefitting from the services rendered by DBW's Aquatic Plant Control Program (i.e., recreational boater representative(s) plus many others who benefit).
  
3. Recommend the Public Beach Restoration Program Fund be funded through the recent climate change funding, such as climate resiliency, to serve as a primary state source for the Public Beach Restoration Program a cost share approach comprised of approximately 50/50 formula, where both local governments and the state General Fund support the entirety of the effort.

- Consideration should be given to what role the United States Army Corps of Engineers may play in leveraging funding.
  - Consideration for a cost share approach should be given where both local governments and the state General Fund support the entirety of the effort
  - Recommend DBW manages the PBRF to some degree.
- 4.** Recommend the Department of Parks and Recreation provide an annual report to the Boating and Waterways Commission, of the \$26 million annual diversion from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, for accountability purposes.
- Recommend the need to identify criteria for reporting, such as nexus to recreational boating.
- 5.** Recommend the evaluation of including non-motorized watercraft into the funding/revenue of the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund. Consideration should be given to other state models, for example Idaho and Oregon, including methods of identifying non-motorized watercraft by stickers or printable passes.
- 6.** Recommend that DBW expend funds necessary to fulfill a comprehensive and impactful Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Report detailing the relationship of recreational boating in California to the overall economy.
- Recommend that the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development be consulted for possible seed money to compliment Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Funds.
  - Recommend that the Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Report explore both the boating industry impact on California economy and DBW boating programs designed to support recreational boating.
  - Recommend an ongoing Advisory Group be formed by the Commission with input from the Department.