

# GRANT OPPORTUNITY

## For Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention

# QUAGGA & ZEBRA MUSSELS

The Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program (QZ Grant Program), administered by California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW), provides funding to owners and managers of California reservoirs that are uninfested with quagga or zebra (dreissenid) mussels.

The QZ Grant Program provides funds for projects that prevent the introduction of quagga and zebra mussels into California's reservoirs. Projects can include the preparation or revision of prevention plans, or prevention projects, which may include watercraft inspectors, launch monitors, watercraft decontamination units, educational signage, and outreach.

### ELIGIBILITY

Funding is available for quagga and zebra mussel prevention projects for reservoirs as defined in Section 6004.5 of the Water Code. Eligible applicants must demonstrate the following:

- Applicant must be any entity that owns or manages any aspect of the water in a reservoir. (Harbors and Navigation Code §676.1; Fish and Game Code §2302).
- The reservoir must be open to the public for recreational activities.
- The reservoir must be uninfested with quagga or zebra mussels.



*(Mobile decontamination units, shown above, are examples of eligible equipment for reimbursement.)*

The QZ Grant Program is funded by the purchase of the Mussel Fee Sticker (aka Quagga Sticker), at:

[www.dmv.ca.gov/musselfee](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/musselfee)



*(A canine inspector, shown above, is another example of a reimbursable cost for a QZ Grant.)*

## POSSIBLE GRANT PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- **Tier 1 or Planning and Assessment Projects:** Development of or revision to a prevention plan designed to prevent the introduction of nonnative quagga and zebra mussel species.
- **Tier 2 or Implementation Projects:** These may consist of, but are not limited to: watercraft inspections, decontamination processes and units, banding programs, mussel or water quality monitoring, ramp arms and gates, and education and outreach etc. To be eligible for a Tier 2 project, the reservoir must have a prevention plan accepted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

## Funding, and Timing Requirements:

- **Tier 1 or Planning and Assessment Projects:** Pending available funding, maximum funding is \$200,000 with a two-year project completion requirement.
- **Tier 2 or Implementation Projects:** Pending available funding, maximum funding is \$400,000 with a two-year project completion requirement.

For more information on the **QZ Grant Program** please visit:  
[www.dbw.ca.gov/QZGrant](http://www.dbw.ca.gov/QZGrant) or contact: [QZGrant@parks.ca.gov](mailto:QZGrant@parks.ca.gov).

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