




**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	April 15, 2025
TITLE	Authorization to Apply to Division of Boating and Waterways' Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program at Del Valle Regional Park in an Amount up to \$400,000
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katie Dignan, Assistant Finance Manager Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the East Bay Regional Park District's Board of Directors authorize a grant application to the California Department of Park and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways for funding to prevent the infestation of quagga and zebra mussels at Del Valle Regional Park.

BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2012, the Governor of the State of California signed legislation which authorizes the Division of Boating and Waterways to establish quagga and zebra mussel infestation prevention fees and authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect the fees. Funds derived from the fee are made available for grants to entities for the reasonable regulatory costs incident to the implementation of mussel infestation prevention.

The East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) began its mussel inspection prevention program in 2008 with four parks: Del Valle, Lake Chabot, Contra Loma, and Quarry Lakes. On October 1, 2016, mussel inspection was implemented at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area at the recommendation of Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Park District has received eight consecutive grants through this program starting in 2015, totaling approximately \$2,180,000. The current grant funding will end in Fall 2025 and staff would like to continue to apply for invasive mussel prevention grants. The grant application would request funding for the mussel inspection program at Del Valle Regional Park.

The Division of Boating and Waterways' Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program limits applicants to requesting funds for two facilities per grant application. Applicants can submit more than one application if there are more than two facilities in their jurisdiction with mussel inspection programs. Each grant application requires a distinct resolution citing the facilities needing funding.

ANALYSIS

The proposed project supports the implementation of the East Bay Regional Park District's (Park District) Dreissenid Infestation Prevention Plan at Lake Del Valle, the Park District's most popular boating site. The Park District will continue to implement the Inspection Program at Lake Del Valle by conducting watercraft inspections during hours when the boat launch is open to the public. Grant Funding allocated for Del Valle has been fully expended and the Park District is pursuing this funding opportunity to maintain a high quality and quantity of inspection hours at Del Valle Regional Park which are only partially offset by inspection fees.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, grant funds would be budgeted into the existing project #571200. Grant funding received offsets the cost to implement the quagga inspection program at Del Valle Regional Park.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 04 -
APRIL 15, 2025**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY TO DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS'
QUAGGA AND ZEBRA MUSSEL INFESTATION PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM
AT DEL VALLE REGIONAL PARK IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$400,000**

WHEREAS, prior to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways' (DBW) approval of an executed Grant Agreement, said East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors is required to pass a resolution, authorizing a designated representative(s) to execute said Application, Grant Agreement, amendments, and certifications, designating a representative to approve claims for reimbursement, designating a representative to sign the Reimbursement Claim Form and Quarterly Progress Reports, designating a representative to sign Project Completion Certification, and designating a representative to sign the Contractor's Release Form (as applicable); and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District has the legal authority to manage the water, construct, operate, and maintain infrastructure, post signage, prepare Prevention Plan documentation, monitor for water chemistry and quagga and zebra mussels, conduct and monitor boater inspections and decontamination activities, and conduct public outreach for Del Valle Regional Park; and to apply to DBW for a grant up to the amount of \$400,000 for the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District desires to develop or implement a plan for the prevention of an infestation of the quagga and zebra mussel for Del Valle Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program, application is hereby made to DBW for funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO of said East Bay Regional Park District is hereby authorized and directed to do the following acts, including but not limited to:

1. Cause the necessary data to be prepared and applications to be signed and filed with DBW; and
2. Sign DBW Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Agreement(s) and any amendments thereto; and
3. Approve Claims for Reimbursement; and
4. Execute the Budget and Expenditure Summary; and
5. Sign the Contractor's Release Form; as applicable; and
6. Certify that the project(s) are complete, and ready for final inspection, as applicable.

as presented to the Board on April 15, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO or Budget Manager is hereby authorized to amend the project's budget without further Board action, upon receipt of an executed grant contract from the Grants Manager, including but not limited to any documents which may be necessary in the continuation of the project. The budget amendment will include an increase in budgeted revenue and a corresponding increase in appropriation for the amount stipulated in the grant contract; and

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the East Bay Regional Park District for Del Valle Regional Park on 15 of April 2025;

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and adopted April 15, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: