


13. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Boating Access Program for Quagga Inspection at Del Valle Regional Park in an Amount up to \$750,000



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

DATE	December 17, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Boating Access Program for Quagga Inspection at Del Valle Regional Park in an Amount up to \$750,000
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katy Hornbeck, Grants Manager Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize a grant application to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Boating Access grant program for quagga inspection costs at Del Valle Regional Park in an amount up to \$750,000.

BACKGROUND

CDFW's Boating Access Grant Program provides funding for projects that increase access to recreational boating opportunities across California's waterways. Supported with federal funds through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sport Fish Restoration Grant Program, money for the program comes from revenue from taxes on sport fishing equipment, fishing tackle and pleasure boats, and the portion of the gasoline fuel tax attributable to small engines and motorboats. Projects that seek to acquire, develop, renovate, maintain, or improve facilities that create or enhance public access to the waters or advance the suitability of these waters for recreational boating are eligible. Maintenance and operations projects can be funded for boating access sites, facilities, and structures. Aquatic invasive species information, education, and inspection is also eligible. Facilities funded through the program must be accessible to all recreational boaters.

ANALYSIS

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 been successful in receiving grant funding from the California Division of Boating and Waterways since 2015. In 2023, the Park District was awarded funding for the inspection programs at Del Valle, Shadow Cliffs, and Quarry Lakes. Grant funding allocated for Del Valle has been fully expended and staff proposes applying for CDFW Boating Access grant funds to cover the inspection program costs at Del Valle for three years.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, grant funds would be budgeted into 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. 2024 – 12 -
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE’S BOATING ACCESS PROGRAM FOR
QUAGGA INSPECTION AT DEL VALLE REGIONAL PARK IN AN AMOUNT UP
TO \$750,000**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Service (CDFW) is soliciting proposals under the Boating Access program; and

WHEREAS, aquatic invasive species information, education, and inspection is eligible for grant program funding; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) proposes a grant application requesting up to \$750,000 for the implementation of the quagga inspection program at Del Valle Regional Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves the filing of a grant application with CDFW; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, appoints the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO as agent of the East Bay Regional Park District to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendment, payment requests and perform such acts, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services/CFO or Budget Manager are authorized to amend the current year’s budget, without further Board action, upon receipt of the executed grant contract from the Grants Manager. The budget amendment will include an increase in budgeted revenue and a corresponding increase in appropriation for the amount stipulated in the grant contract.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and
adopted December 17, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: