

# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Divisions of Boating and Waterways, Historic Preservation and Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation

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## Division of Boating and Waterways Offers Grants to Improve Inland Recreational Boating Access



*Silver Lake's new launch ramp and boarding float in Inyo County, completed in 2023 and funded by a grant from the Division of Boating and Waterways.*

**SACRAMENTO** — California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is calling on public agencies with facilities serving both motorized and non-motorized recreational vessels to apply for inland Boat Launching Facility grants. Approximately \$11.8 million in grants are available. Funding can be used to design, engineer, permit and construct new public recreational boat launching facilities or for improvements to existing facilities. Applications are due **no later than noon, May 22, 2026**.

This one-time state funding comes from the [Waterway Connections Initiative \(WCI\)](#). WCI funding was allocated to expand inland waterway-related outdoor access in regions with communities of populations of more than 2,500 located near a river or other inland waterway. Projects meeting the WCI criteria are encouraged to apply.

Eligible facility components include boat launch ramps, slope protection, gangways and boarding floats, associated boater parking, restrooms, fish cleaning stations, boat wash stations, ADA-compliant access, and lighting.

Interested applicants should first review the application ranking criteria on [DBW's website](#) to determine if the proposed project meets eligibility requirements. Grant applications must be submitted through the DBW's [online grant application system](#).

Since 1988, DBW has awarded approximately \$254 million from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund for construction of recreational boating facilities throughout California.

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*Spanish:*

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# COMING THIS SUMMER

## FIRE FLOW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ENHANCING FIRE PROTECTION

*Made Possible by Existing Grant Funding*

The District will be breaking ground in Summer 2026 on a project to improve fire flow at Piper and Gateway Road.

This project will install approximately 1,200 feet of new main and a fire hydrant, improving and enhancing fire protection for the area. It is being completed using remaining grant funding from a previously funded project.

**Please note:** The District is still pursuing a feasibility study for potential consolidation of the Bethel Island area. This work is unrelated to any other ongoing studies or planning efforts in the area.

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, submitted a revised work plan to the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) for review, focused on a feasibility study and preliminary environmental documentation. While awaiting formal feedback or approval on the work plan, they were notified that **the project remains on hold due to evolving funding priorities.**

We will continue to provide updates on the consolidation feasibility study as they become available. Please check the District website for the latest information at <https://www.diablowater.gov/bethel-island-area-potential-consolidation>.