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APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS FOR MARINA OPERATORS ON AUGUST 15, 2014

SACRAMENTO, CA.—The National Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) for Marina operators is now available through California State Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). The National Boating Infrastructure Grant is a competitive program open to both publicly owned and privately owned marinas. The deadline to submit applications is August 15, 2014.

Nationally, \$12 million in BIG funding is available this year for projects to install or upgrade visitor tie-up facilities for recreational boats 26 feet long or more. Eligible projects include the renovation or construction of visitor docks, restrooms, gangways and dockside utility hook-ups.

Applicants should first review the federal guidelines, available at www.dbw.ca.gov/funding/BIG.aspx, to determine if they meet the necessary requirements. Those marina operators eligible to compete in this program should follow the BIG Proposal Template available at www.dbw.ca.gov/PDF/BIG/BIGproposal.pdf. Applicants *must* submit a grant proposal to the California State Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways following the federal guidelines on or before August 15, 2014.

The Division of Boating and Waterways enhances public access to the waterways and promotes on-the-water safety through programs funded by vessel registration fees, boating fuel tax dollars and boating facility construction loan payments.

For more information on the BIG program, or to answer questions on the guidelines or template application, please contact DBW Grant Program Manager Ron Kent at (916) 327-1819.

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