



## **SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# **LAKE NACIMIENTO RESIDENT VESSEL PROGRAM**

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## BACKGROUND

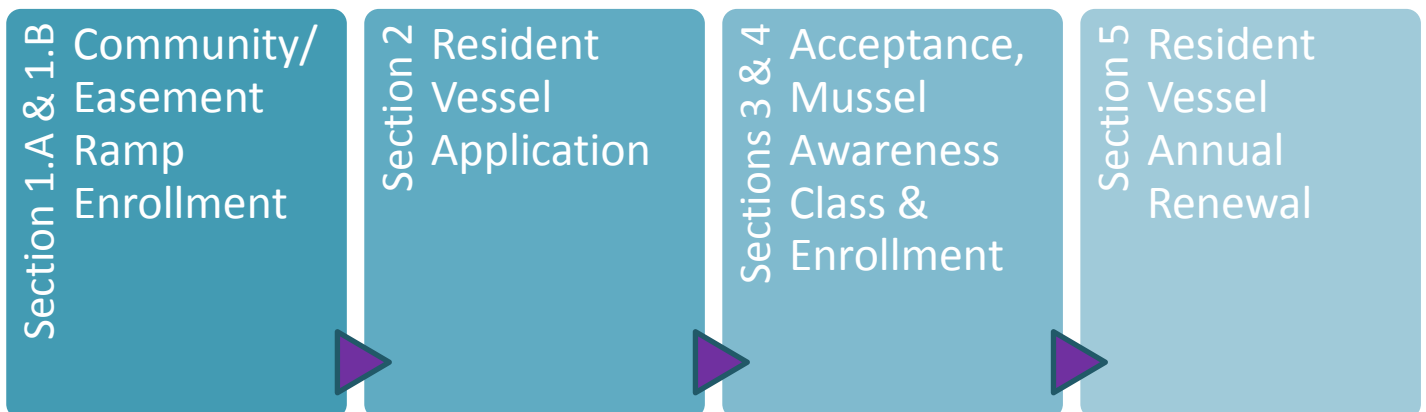
Each year, San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (SLO District), Monterey County Water Resource Agency, and Monterey County implement a Mussel Prevention Program at Lakes Nacimiento and San Antonio. This involves mandatory inspection of all vessels entering either lake, and requires re-certification and re-inspection at regular intervals, with the intent of restricting all vessels that pose a potential risk of carrying invasive mussels from another body of water. The Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee (NRWMAC), lakeside communities and homeowners have been integral in carrying out the Mussel Prevention Program.

The “Resident Vessel Program” is an additional feature of the Mussel Prevention Program available to participating, eligible private launch ramps. There are two main types of participating, eligible private launch ramps: community ramps and easement ramps. The community ramps refer to those private launch ramps participating in the program, which have governing bodies/ boards. The easement ramps refer to those private launch ramps participating in the program, which do not have governing bodies/ boards. This differentiation led to slightly different modes of enrolling the two types of private launch ramps. Eligibility and enrollment of both ramp types is further described below.

The Resident Vessel Program recognizes that many boaters keep their vessels solely at Lake Nacimiento and therefore pose a low threat of mussel infestation.

Eligible private launch ramps may voluntarily enroll in the Resident Vessel Program and in doing so agree to conform to a specific set of standards which are set forth in this document. Overall, the Resident Vessel Program is intended to reduce redundant inspections and help ensure inspectors focus on higher risk (transient) boats.

Enrollment in the Resident Vessel Program involves these basic steps:



RVP Enrollment valid for one  
“PROGRAM YEAR”  
(Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>):

Residents should renew  
Enrolled Vessels RVP  
Certification before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>  
each year. IF enrolled, see  
Section 5 for details.

# THE NACIMENTO RESIDENT VESSEL PROGRAM

The Resident Vessel Program is provided for those eligible private launch ramps who have controlled access to the lake, have trained screeners actively engaged in protecting the lake, and whose vessel traffic warrants going through the enrollment steps enumerated herein. Enrollment in the program is subject to the following conditions:

## 1. A: Community Eligibility

The Resident Vessel Program is available to the community ramps and easement ramps listed in **Attachment A**. SLO District has established that each of these have controlled access to Lake Nacimiento (such as a locked gate)<sup>1</sup> and that each played an active part in the overall Mussel Prevention Program for at least one year. An eligible private launch ramp interested in participating should proceed with the following steps to become enrolled:

1. Verify Eligibility and Steps with SLO District: Contact SLO District to understand the necessary steps to take if community ramp or easement ramp is interested in enrolling (**Mussel Prevention Program Hotline (805) 788-6006**).
2. Enrollment Resolution: Governing body (such as a board of directors) shall execute a Resolution (**Attachment B-1**) committing to the various program steps. If ramp does not have an elected board of directors (referred to as “easement ramp”), use the sample Resolution in **Attachment B-2**, which shall be signed by at least 75% of the properties with easement rights to the ramp provided that the easement holders follow the process indicated in section 1.B “Easement Ramp Enrollment Steps”. The private launch ramp is committing to:
  - a. Adhere to the program requirements;
  - b. Authorize eligible residents within community or with easement rights to the ramp to participate;
  - c. Provide necessary certified screener(s) to conduct screenings and provide a Mussel Coordinator to facilitate the program; and
  - d. Coordinate with Vessel Owners to ensure assistance with required random field verification of Enrolled Vessels storage location with SLO District; and
3. Community Mussel Coordinator: Assign a “Mussel Coordinator” who will be responsible for communicating with SLO District throughout the year and for enforcing the Program with private launch ramp members.

## 1. B: Easement Ramp Enrollment Steps

1. Easement Ramp Identification: Easement ramp applicants/owners shall identify a list of parcels and/or easement holder(s) eligible/authorized to use the easement ramp(s).
2. RVP Resolution for Easement Ramp Enrollment: Easement holder(s) interested in participating in the RVP will:

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<sup>1</sup> Alternatively, members or residents may also launch from a public ramp.

- a. Conduct outreach to all other properties with easement rights to the eligible easement ramp(s);
  - b. Obtain resolution signatures from a minimum of 75% of the properties with easement rights to the ramp, but will strive to collect signatures from 100% easement holder(s); and
  - c. Coordinate with SLO District Staff to identify and notify remaining easement holders (if any) that have not signed the resolution (shall not exceed 25% of the properties with easement rights to the ramp).
3. Contact List for Easement Ramp's Remaining Easement Holders. After receipt of information and documents listed in Easement Ramp RVP Enrollment Steps 1 and 2, SLO District Staff will develop a contact list for the remaining easement holder(s) that did not sign the resolution (if any). This contact list will be based upon the current ownership mailing address information obtained from the County Assessor's Department. If 100% of the properties with easement rights to the easement ramp(s) have executed the resolution, skip to Easement Ramp RVP Enrollment Step 5.
  4. Notification of Intent to Enroll Easement Ramp in RVP: SLO District Staff shall issue a certified letter to the remaining properties with easement rights to the ramp using this contact list. The certified letter will serve as a constructive notice of mussel prevention program requirements and the intent to enroll the easement ramp associated with the property in the RVP. It will convey the importance of adhering to the program requirements, as well as consequences of non-compliance. The letter will provide the easement ramp's Mussel Coordinator's name in an effort to connect them to the current easement ramp efforts.
  5. Coordination with Monterey County Staff: District Staff will maintain continued coordination with Monterey County Staff throughout this process.

## 2: Resident Vessel Eligibility and Application

Once a private launch ramp is enrolled in the Resident Vessel Program, then individual residents/members can apply to enroll specific vessels.

### Want to Join?

Did your community sign the Participation Resolution?

Does your boat stay at Lake Nacimiento full time and never boat elsewhere?

Read on and see if the Resident Vessel Program is right for you!

Resident Vessel is defined by:

1. Vessel Owner is legal owner of vessel and provides satisfactory evidence of current DMV vessel registration. The DMV vessel registration storage address must match that of the Vessel Owner's lakeside property address listed in the Resident Vessel Program Application; and
2. Vessel Owner has property or is formally affiliated with an enrolled community/easement ramp as demonstrated by a recent secured property tax bill or other SLO District approved document; and
3. Vessel remains on Lake Nacimiento and may only be removed and returned under conditions stated below.

**Attachment C-2** is the Resident Vessel Enrollment Application that

individuals are to use. Each application is to be accompanied by:

4. Evidence that the owner has property (current property tax bill) and is formally affiliated with an enrolled private launch ramp (to be verified by the community Mussel Coordinator).
5. Provide copies of current DMV vessel registration that Vessel Owner is legal owner of the vessel. The DMV vessel registration storage address must match that of the Vessel Owner's lakeside property address listed in the Resident Vessel Program Application.

*\*\* Note: This is indicated by the County Code ("C.C." or "Co. Code") noted on the vessel registration. San Luis Obispo County Code is "40" and Monterey County code is "27". The example below shows an example of where to look on vessel registration. In the example, the County Code shows "4000", which indicates that the vessel owner residence and storage location are both in San Luis Obispo County. If registration is not correct, Vessel Owner may need to file a DMV14 Form to make a correction:*

<http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/forms/dmv/dmv14.pdf>

VESSEL CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER										
BUILDER		VESSEL USE		REGISTRATION EXPIRES			CO CODE	TYPE	VESSEL NUMBER	
YAMAHA		PLEASURE		DEC/31/2013			4000	V1		
HULL NUMBER	YEAR	YEAR	LENGTH	TYPE	HULL	HULL	PROP	FUEL	DATE ISSUED	
	MODEL	BUILT	FT	IN	VSL	TYPE	MATL		12/30/2011	
	2001	2001	010	00	02	X	P	J	TOTAL FEES PAID	
									\$20	
REGISTRATION HOLDER										
State of California DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES										

Vessel Owner should send the completed Resident Vessel Program Application along with the required documentation to:

County of San Luis Obispo  
Attn: Misty Pontes, Mussel Prevention Program  
County Government Center, Room 206  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

### 3: SLO District Review and Acceptance

Upon completion of Resident Vessel Program Application steps above, including submittal of required documentation, SLO District will review the application for conformance with Program requirements. After complete applications are approved, SLO District will prepare a Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit for each eligible vessel conforming to the Program requirements. Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavits will be distributed after completion of a "Mussel Awareness Class" as described below.

Vessel Owner will be contacted to participate in a one-hour required Mussel Awareness Class conducted by certified instructors<sup>2</sup> [SLO District representative(s) and/or others approved by SLO District]. It is anticipated that there will be one class per month, depending upon demand.

At the Mussel Awareness Class, Vessel Owner must provide a copy of current, valid Vessel Screening Permit for each Enrolled Vessel, which is certified by a certified screener/inspector. Upon completing the Mussel Awareness Class and verification of the current, valid Vessel Screening Permit for each Enrolled Vessel, the Level 1 Training Instructor will fill out the appropriate class information and sign the Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit, and provide the Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit to the Vessel Owner. Vessel Owner will be asked to sign two copies of a notarized “Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit” (**Attachment E**) one of which will remain on the vessel at all times (the other will be kept on file with SLO District).

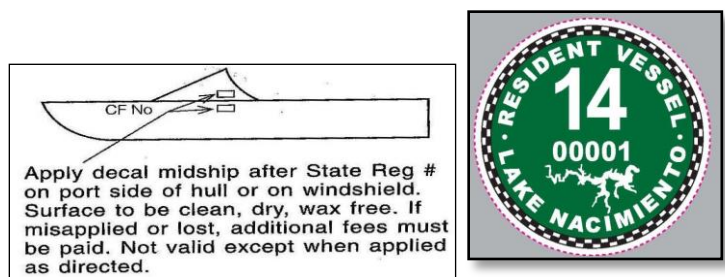
**Please note that the Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit is only valid when it is issued and signed by SLO District, signed by Vessel Owner, Mussel Awareness Class instructor, and is notarized.**

#### 4: Issuance of Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit

Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit will be issued at the completion of the Mussel Awareness Class (two copies) – one to be carried on the enrolled vessel at all times and the other to be returned to and retained by SLO District. At that point, the vessel owner is agreeing to adhere to all of the Resident Vessel Program elements described in this document.

Vessel Owner will also be issued a sticker to display on each enrolled vessel signifying that vessel’s enrollment in the Resident Vessel Program. A Resident Vessel Program sticker will be assigned to each enrolled vessel and is valid for the remainder of the program year<sup>3</sup> as long as the Enrolled Vessel remains in sustained compliance with the program. The sticker should be displayed directly next to the DMV registration sticker on the driver side/port side of the hull:

**RVP Enrollment valid for one  
“PROGRAM YEAR”  
(Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>)**



The Resident Vessel Program is intended for that unique group of vessels that remain on Lake Nacimiento year-round. So, once a vessel is enrolled in the program, it is understood that it may

<sup>2</sup> Completed the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (US Fish and Wildlife Service and 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian) Level II Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Training for Zebra/Quagga Mussels (Level I Training Instructor); representative instructors and educational course materials are approved by SLO District.

<sup>3</sup> Program year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.



only leave the watershed under the circumstances described in the “Choosing to Leave the Lake” section. Vessel Owner is also agreeing, with 24-hour advance notice, to make enrolled vessel(s) available to a representative of SLO District in order to verify that an enrolled vessel is in its storage location or on the lake.

Enrolled vessels are also subject to electronic tracking or other means of tracking and enforcement as those program aspects are phased in.

## 5: Enrolled Resident Vessel Annual Renewal Process

Once a Resident Vessel is enrolled in the Resident Vessel Program, the Vessel Owner can follow these simple steps to renew the vessel as long as the documentation described below is provided to verify continued eligibility.

**Attachment D** is the Resident Vessel Renewal Application that individuals are to use. Each renewal application is to be accompanied by:

1. Evidence that the owner has property (current property tax bill) and is formally affiliated with an enrolled private launch ramp (to be verified by the community Mussel Coordinator).
2. Provide copies of current DMV vessel registration that Vessel Owner is legal owner of the vessel. The DMV vessel registration storage address must match that of the Vessel Owner’s lakeside property address listed in the Resident Vessel Program Application (as described in section 2 above).

### Is your vessel already enrolled?

Renew your Enrolled Vessel’s RVP Certification before Dec. 31st each year.

RVP Enrollment valid for one  
“PROGRAM YEAR”  
(Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>)

Vessel Owner should send the completed Resident Vessel Renewal Application along with the required documentation to:

County of San Luis Obispo  
Attn: Misty Pontes, Mussel Prevention Program  
County Government Center, Room 206  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

## 6: Choosing to Leave the Lake

If Vessel Owner chooses to take an enrolled vessel away from the lake for any reason, follow these steps:

1. Leave a message on the SLO District Mussel Prevention Program Hotline (805) 788-6006 stating:
  - Vessel Owner name
  - Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit Number and the vessel CF number
  - Reason for leaving the lake and when the vessel is expected to return
  - If maintenance may require removal of the trailer/vessel band (i.e. damage to vessel hull), please state on message. Vessel Owner may be asked to provide evidence from mechanic verifying why the band was removed.



2. Alert private launch ramp Mussel Coordinator in advance, describe to them why the boat is being taken away from the lake, when it is expected to return, and then ask to have a Certified Screener affix a band to the trailer and vessel before departure. If removal of the band is expected to conduct maintenance or for other reasons, please explain this to the Mussel Coordinator and make advance arrangements.
3. Promptly upon enrolled vessel's return, only a Certified Screener may remove the band, authorize the vessel for launch, and keep record of enrolled vessel's valid return to the lake.

**CAUTION:**  
 Failure to adhere to RVP requirements (e.g. leaving the lake without permission, boating on other water bodies) could mean that **your boat is no longer allowed on Lake Nacimiento for 6 months!**

It is imperative that we protect Lake Nacimiento from invasive mussels. Because of this, taking an enrolled vessel away from the lake without advance coordination with a Mussel Coordinator is not allowed. **CAUTION: Failure to follow this procedure renders the Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit null and void and may result in vessel not being allowed to launch on Lake Nacimiento for a period of six (6) months.**

## What's at Stake?



Quagga and Zebra Mussels cause irreparable damage by reproducing at an alarming rate:

**1 MILLION EGGS per each female mussel per spawning season**

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|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polluting lakes</li> <li>• Clogging water delivery pipes and increasing costs to operate/maintain lake and facilities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Littering beaches with smelly, sharp mussel shells</li> <li>• Devastating lakes' ecosystem</li> <li>• Permanently altering lake's water chemistry and increasing algae growth at great depths</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing drag on boats and clogging engine intakes</li> <li>• Negatively impacting on economy</li> </ul> |
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## 7: Re-Entry of a Banded Enrolled Vessel

Upon return to Lake Nacimiento, alert Mussel Coordinator and make arrangements to have a Certified Screener remove the intact band and screen the vessel. *Only Certified Screeners are authorized to remove the bands and screen the vessel.*

If the band is removed by someone other than a Certified Screener, if the band has been tampered with, or if the returning vessel fails to pass inspection for any reason, then the Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit will be rendered null and void. Certified screener shall not

accept an enrolled vessel without an intact band, unless SLO District has verified that evidence has been reviewed and approved, and supports the required removal of the band necessary to conduct maintenance (i.e. damage to vessel hull). This is described further below.

## **8: Potentially Non-Compliant Enrolled Vessel**

The Resident Vessel Program has been designed with the year-round Lake Nacimiento boater in mind and is only intended for that unique group of boaters whose vessels do not leave the lake.

Mussel Coordinators, Certified Screeners, communities, and owner(s) of the properties with easement rights to a private launch ramp are responsible for monitoring the comings and goings of enrolled vessels and for notifying Mussel Coordinators/SLO District immediately of any potentially non-compliant enrolled vessel. For example, if the owner of an enrolled vessel asks a Certified Screener to clear them for launch but no band is intact, the Certified Screener must report that breach of procedure to their Mussel Coordinator who will in turn alert SLO District. The concern would be that the vessel had visited an infested lake and could pose a risk of infestation to Lake Nacimiento. Mussel Coordinator shall immediately contact SLO District with enrolled vessel information and description of (potential) non-compliance.

A non-compliant enrolled vessel would be issued a “Notice of Non-Compliance” by SLO District and would be removed from the Resident Vessel Program for the current program year (i.e. Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit would be nullified and Resident Vessel Program stickers removed from the hull), unless SLO District makes a determination otherwise. This process is described further below.

## **9: Null and Void Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit**

Vessels removed from the program would be prohibited from launching onto Lake Nacimiento for six (6) months following the date that the Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit is nullified. Additionally, the Vessel Owner is no longer eligible to enroll additional vessels in the then-current year’s Resident Vessel Program and risks losing Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavits on other enrolled vessels.

Vessel Owner shall have the right to appeal and request a hearing of Administrative Appeal. The determination of the hearing officer shall be considered final. If enrolled vessel is found to be non-compliant after the Administrative Appeal, the Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit shall be rendered null and void. The Resident Vessel Program sticker and Affidavit will be revoked and removed by a Certified Screener or Mussel Coordinator.

Depending on the circumstances, incidents of non-compliance by individual enrolled vessel owners could be grounds for removal of the affiliated private launch ramp from the Resident Vessel Program. This is also stated on the resolutions (**Attachment B-1 and B-2**).

## **10: Program Monitoring**

SLO District, Monterey County Water Resource Agency, and Monterey County are supportive of a successful Resident Vessel Program. The success of the Resident Vessel Program is dependent upon individuals and private launch ramps adhering to the program requirements. To ensure success and continuation of the program, the following monitoring steps are included:

1. Conduct periodic verifications that enrolled vessels are stored at Lake Nacimiento and provide the vessel owner with 24-hour notice to make his/her enrolled vessel(s) available.

This may include collection of global positioning system (GPS) data on vessel storage location and/or boat slip, and associated launch ramp facility to improve track-ability of this program.

2. Maintain a log of enrolled vessels and associated Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit unique identification number, bands issued and removed, potentially non-compliant vessel renewal screenings and revoked Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit via the Mussel Coordinator's record of the same.
3. Mussel Coordinators will be asked to report suspected incidents of non-compliance to SLO District within 24 hours and to submit monthly records (log of vessels that have left the property and banding issuance/removal information) by the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.
4. SLO District will initiate a quality control program among the private ramps to verify that the standards set forth in both the Mussel Prevention Program and the Resident Vessel Program are being followed.
5. SLO District will alert area lakes about the Resident Vessel Program and have them flag the enrolled vessels in their tracking system and notify Monterey County Parks Department or SLO District if any enrolled vessels attempts to launch at their lakes.
6. Monterey County Parks Department may run enrolled vessels through their vessel tracking system to determine if vessels are identified as having left the area.



Adhering to the Resident Vessel Program and the overall Mussel Prevention Program is of utmost importance to in order to protect Lakes Nacimiento and San Antonio.

It is SLO District's intent that the Resident Vessel Program is a welcome option for eligible lakeside communities and property owners and is viewed as an enhancement to protecting the lake from invasive species. However, depending on the circumstances, non-compliance with the program requirements by individual enrolled vessels can be grounds for removal of the affiliated private launch ramp from the Resident Vessel Program, and possibly loss of the private launch privilege to the lake.

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## ATTACHMENT A

### Communities/Easement Ramps Eligible to Participate in Resident Vessel Program as of May 2012

<b>Community</b>	<b>Primary Contact as of January 2014</b>
Cal Shasta *	Phil Humfrey
Christmas Cove *	Claire Simoulis
Heritage Ranch HOA *	Martin Rowley
Northshore S & B *	Ray Green
Oak Shores *	Dennis Javens
Running Deer Ranch *	Chuck Enterline
South Shore Village *	Todd Sorenson
Tri Counties Club *	Eric Gamble
Laguna Vista Boat Club *	Bill Capps
<b>Easement Ramp</b>	<b>Primary Contact as of January 2014</b>
Rancho Del Lago	Russ Johnson
Private Ramp near Running Deer	Dave Kinman
Private Ramp	Ronald Stephenson
Private Ramp	Bart Matta
Private Property w/ramp	Don Andre
Private Property w/ramp	Dave Dellamora
Private Property w/ramp	Mike McDermot
Private Property w/ramp	Mike and Lina Vaughn
Private Property w/ramp	Tom Vaughn
Private Ramp near Bee Rock	Jay Slater
Happy Landing	Dennis Stinnette

\* Organizations with established boards use sample Resolution Attachment B-1; others to use sample Resolution Attachment B-2. It is understood that "easement ramps" that lack an established board would have at least 75% of the properties with easement rights to the ramp sign Resolution Attachment B-2 as a program enrollment step.

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_  
of Community Participation in the  
Nacimiento Resident Vessel Program

The Board of Directors of \_\_\_\_\_ who have control of \_\_\_\_\_ launch  
[community name] [no. of ramp(s)]  
ramp(s) hereby offer and read the following:

**WHEREAS**, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (SLO District) has established a “Nacimiento Resident Vessel Program” in conjunction with Monterey County Parks Department’s Quagga and Zebra Mussel Prevention Program; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Resident Vessel Program is available to Nacimiento lakeside community members that:

1. Provide proof of membership, ownership, or other formal affiliation with this community and that comply with all community requirements in said program, as described in Exhibit A – Nacimiento Resident Vessel Program.
2. Provide current vessel ownership/registration documentation as described in Exhibit A.
3. Attend a Mussel Awareness Class as described in Exhibit A.
4. Sign an “Affidavit of Resident Vessel Owner” which itemizes the program limitations, conditions, repercussions and penalties for failure to comply or transport enrolled vessels as described in Exhibit A.
5. Ensure that enrolled vessels successfully pass an initial mussel screening/inspection by a Certified Screener as described in Exhibit A.
6. Have a completed “Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit” issued by the appropriate agencies as described in Exhibit A.
7. Maintain proof of participation on vessel at all times while on the lake, including the Resident Vessel Program Certificate and Affidavit and associated sticker.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby resolve to participate in the “Nacimiento Resident Vessel

[community name]

Program” at said community and resolve to comply with all of the Program requirements, including but not limited to:

1. Provide Certified Screeners/ inspectors to inspect/band vessels using our launch ramp.
2. Cooperate with SLO District in random quality control verifications by SLO District representatives.
3. Cooperate with SLO District in maintaining a log of vessels enrolled in the Resident Vessel Program.
4. Cooperate with SLO District in identifying and logging vessels that have had their Resident Vessel Program Certificate and Affidavit revoked for cause.
5. Designate a Mussel Coordinator and cooperate with Mussel Coordinator and Certified Screeners/ inspectors to remove null and void Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit and associated sticker.
6. Causing to be prominently displayed and posted proximate to launch ramp(s), signage describing the invasive mussel threat and what boaters must do to prevent the spread of invasive mussels.

The Community hereby designates \_\_\_\_\_ as the acting Mussel Coordinator.  
[Name; must be certified Level I Screener]

The Community acknowledges that non-compliant vessels found associated with said launch ramp(s) could result in removal of Community from Resident Vessel Program.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_(day) of \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year) by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
President signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/ Witness signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mussel Coordinator signature

RESOLUTION
of Privately Owned Ramp ("Easement Ramp") Participation in the
Nacimientto Resident Vessel Program

The properties with easement rights to the ramp ( [easement ramp address/ development name] )who have control of
[no. of ramp(s)] launch ramp(s) hereby offer and read the following:

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (SLO District) has
established a "Nacimientto Resident Vessel Program" in conjunction with Monterey County Parks Department's
Quagga and Zebra Mussel Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Resident Vessel Program is available to eligible Nacimientto lakeside properties
with easement rights to a private launch ramp that:

- 1. Provide proof of membership, ownership, or other formal affiliation with this easement ramp and that
comply with all community requirements and other requirements in said program, as described in Exhibit A
- Nacimientto Resident Vessel Program.
2. Provide current vessel ownership/registration documentation as described in Exhibit A.
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5. Ensure that enrolled vessels successfully pass an initial mussel screening/inspection by a Certified Screener
as described in Exhibit A.
6. Have a completed "Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit" issued by the appropriate agencies as
described in Exhibit A.
7. Maintain proof of participation on vessel at all times while on the lake, including the Resident Vessel
Program Certificate and Affidavit and associated sticker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by

[individual's name] of the [easement ramp address/ development name] easement ramp

hereby resolves to participate in the "Nacimientto Resident Vessel Program" and to provide Certified Screeners/
inspectors to inspect/band vessels using this easement ramp.

- 1. Cooperate with SLO District in random quality control verifications by SLO District representatives.
2. Cooperate with SLO District in maintaining a log of vessels enrolled in the Resident Vessel Program.
3. Cooperate with SLO District in identifying and logging vessels that have had their Resident Vessel
Program Certificate and Affidavit revoked for cause.
4. Designate a Mussel Coordinator and cooperate with Mussel Coordinator and Certified Screeners/
inspectors to remove null and void Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit and associated sticker.
5. Causing to be prominently displayed and posted proximate to easement ramp(s), signage describing the
invasive mussel threat and what boaters must do to prevent the spread of invasive mussels.

The Easement Ramp designates [Name; must be certified Level I Screener] as the acting Mussel Coordinator.

The owner(s) of the properties with easement rights to the Privately Owned Launch Ramp acknowledge that non-
compliant vessels found associated with said easement ramp(s) could result in removal of easement ramp from
Resident Vessel Program.

Executed on (day) of (month) (year) by:

Name (signature of easement holder)

Witness signature

Mussel Coordinator signature



Dear Lake Nacimiento Resident,

For your convenience, the following list is a brief summary of how to enroll your vessel into the Resident Vessel Program. More detailed explanation of program and its rules and regulations are provided within this document. Please call the Mussel Prevention Hotline at (805) 788-6006 if you have any further questions about enrolling your vessel(s).

Thank you for your interest!  
*County of Public Works, Mussel Prevention Team*

## **Resident Vessel Program: Resident Application “At-a-Glance”**

**BEFORE APPLYING**, find out if your community is enrolled in the Resident Vessel Program by asking your community/ramp Mussel Coordinator OR by calling the Mussel Prevention Hotline at (805) 788-6006.

→ If your community/ramp is **NOT ENROLLED**, see page 2 of this document and contact your Mussel Coordinator to determine which steps need to be taken in order to enroll your community/ramp in the Resident Vessel Program.

→ If your community/ramp **IS ENROLLED** in the program, see summarized steps below:

**1. Complete this application (Attachment C-2; NOTE: Attachment D is only used to RENEW Enrolled Vessels).**

**2. Your application is complete!**

Send the application, along with a copy of your current DMV vessel registration and a current copy of your property tax bill for the lakeside property address to:

County of San Luis Obispo  
Attn: Misty Pontes, Mussel Prevention Program  
County Government Center, Room 206  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**3. Your application is received by SLO District!**

SLO District will review the application for completeness. If eligible, your name will be placed on a waiting list, and you will be notified and asked to attend the next Mussel Awareness Class available.

**4. A Mussel Awareness Class has been scheduled!**

You will be notified of the class date, time and location. If you are unable to attend, other classes will be scheduled on an "as needed" basis at various communities around the lake.

NOTE: Attendance of the Mussel Awareness Class is necessary to receive your “affidavit”, Resident Vessel Program sticker, and to be fully enrolled in the program

**5. You are invited to attend the Mussel Awareness Class!**

On the day of the class, please bring:

- Valid Photo ID
- Current Vessel Screening Permit for each vessel you will be enrolling

This informative class will take about 1.5 - 2 hours. At the end of the class, you will receive your signed and notarized “Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit” and your Resident Vessel Program sticker.

Keep your copy of the affidavit inside the enrolled vessel at all times. Place the sticker on the vessel.

**6. After following these steps, your vessel is enrolled in the Resident Vessel Program!**





**2014 Resident Vessel ENROLLMENT Application**

RESIDENT VESSEL INFORMATION		
Applicant Name (As it appears on DMV Vessel Registration):		
Lakeside Community or Easement Ramp Name:		
Applicant Mailing Address (as it appears on DMV Vessel Registration)		
(city)	(state)	(zip code)
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:
Email Address (optional):		
Vessel #1 CF No.	Vessel Type:	Trailer License No.

Address Where This Vessel is Stored:

*If applying to enroll more than one vessel, fill out the following:*

Vessel #2 CF No.	Vessel Type:	Trailer License No.
Address Where This Vessel is Stored:		
Vessel #3 CF No.	Vessel Type:	Trailer License No.
Address Where This Vessel is Stored:		

**Submit this Application with the following documents:**

- Provide proof of membership, ownership (property tax bill), or other formal affiliation at participating community or easement ramp listed above.
- Provide proof of current vessel ownership/registration documentation with registered storage address matching address of lakeside property ownership (Note: DMV registered mailing address can differ from vessel registration address).
  - I've submitted the Change of Address DMV14 form, but have not received updated registration documentation yet.

**If accepted into the Resident Vessel Program, I, the Applicant and Vessel Owner, agree to the following:**

- Attend a Mussel Awareness Class and produce valid photo identification for admittance to the class.
- At the Mussel Awareness Class, provide copy of current, valid Vessel Screening Permit certified by a Certified Screener/inspector for each vessel you wish to enroll.
- At the Mussel Awareness Class, execute two Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavits and have the documents notarized.
- Each enrolled vessel will be issued a unique certificate/identification number and sticker which is to be placed directly next to the DMV registration sticker on the left side/port side of the hull.
- Vessel Owner shall allow SLO District to verify vessel storage location. Each enrolled vessel is subject to random verification of storage location with 24-hour advance notification by SLO District.

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made herein by me are true and correct and that all documents submitted herewith are true and correct copies of documents issued to me. I understand that I am applying to voluntarily participate in the Resident Vessel Program and if I am accepted into the Resident Vessel Program, I must adhere to the standards which govern it. I also understand that if I do not comply with program standards and my Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit is revoked, the associated enrolled vessel shall not be able to launch at Lake Nacimiento for a period of six months.**

<p><b>X</b> _____ Signature of Vessel Owner</p>	Date:
Vessel Owner Name (printed):	

**2014 Resident Vessel Enrollment Application (cont'd)**

**MAIL completed application and required documents to  
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for review:**

San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department  
Attn: Misty Pontes, Mussel Prevention Program  
County Government Center, Room 206  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

*Thank you for completing and submitting this application form, for your continued support of the Mussel Prevention Program, and for protecting Lake Nacimiento. You will be contacted by SLO District or your community's Mussel Coordinator about attending the required Mussel Awareness Class. Feel free to call the Mussel Prevention Program Hotline (805) 788-6006 to speak to a team member or to get answers to any questions you may have.*

**FOR SLO DISTRICT USE ONLY**

Received on:	Received by:	Review start:
Review completed on:	Is Vessel/ Vessel Owner Eligible for RVP? Y / N	Entered into SLO District database on:
Ready for Mussel Awareness Class enrollment:	Mussel Awareness Class scheduled for:	Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit provided to Level I Instructor on:

**2014 Resident Vessel RENEWAL Application**

RESIDENT VESSEL INFORMATION		
Applicant Name (As it appears on DMV Vessel Registration):		
Lakeside Community or Easement Ramp Name:		
Applicant Mailing Address (as it appears on DMV Vessel Registration)		
(city)	(state)	(zip code)
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email Address (optional):		
Vessel #1 CF No.	Certificate/Affidavit Number	

Address Where This Vessel is Stored:

*If applying to enroll more than one vessel, fill out the following:*

Vessel #2 CF No.	Certificate/Affidavit Number	
Address Where This Vessel is Stored:		
Vessel #3 CF No.	Certificate /Affidavit Number	
Address Where This Vessel is Stored:		

**Submit this Application with the following documents:**

- Provide proof of membership, current ownership (property tax bill), or other formal affiliation at participating community or easement ramp listed above.
- Provide proof of current vessel DMV registration documentation with registered storage address matching address of lakeside property ownership (Note: DMV registered mailing address can differ from vessel registration address).
- I've submitted the Change of Address DMV14 form, but have not received updated registration documentation yet.

**If accepted into the Resident Vessel Program, I, the Applicant and Vessel Owner, agree to the following:**

- All enrolled vessel(s) stated above will be issued a unique certificate/identification number and sticker which will be placed directly next to the DMV registration sticker on the left side/port side of the hull.
- Vessel Owner shall allow SLO District to verify vessel storage location. Each enrolled vessel is subject to random verification of storage location with 24-hour advance notification by SLO District.

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made herein by me are true and correct and that all documents submitted herewith are true and correct copies of documents issued to me. I understand that I am voluntarily participating in the Resident Vessel Program and that by applying for renewal, I understand that I must adhere to the standards which govern it. I also understand that if I do not comply with program standards and my Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit is revoked, the associated enrolled vessel shall not be able to launch at Lake Nacimiento for a period of six months.**

<b>X</b> _____ Signature of Vessel Owner	Date:
Vessel Owner Name (printed):	

**MAIL completed application and required documents to  
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for review:**  
San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department  
Attn: Misty Pontes, Mussel Prevention Program  
County Government Center, Room 206  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

TO BE PROVIDED BY SLO DISTRICT UPON ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM (this is just a sample for reference)

CERTIFICATE NO. 2014-XXXXX



2014 RESIDENT VESSEL CERTIFICATE AND AFFIDAVIT

I, [redacted], hereby certify that I own the enrolled vessel identified as CF No. [redacted].

Vessel Type [redacted] and that said vessel is stored at (storage address): [redacted]

[redacted] and launched from the [redacted] launch ramp at Lake Nacimiento.

I also certify that by executing this Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit, this vessel shall remain stored at the above address and only be launched at Lake Nacimiento. If the vessel is removed from the Lake Nacimiento watershed, I shall notify SLO District (805) 788-6006 and my Mussel Coordinator; I shall have the enrolled vessel banded by a Certified Screener before leaving the watershed. Upon return to the lake, I shall make arrangements with a Certified Screener to inspect this enrolled vessel. ONLY A CERTIFIED SCREENER MAY REMOVE THE BAND AND CERTIFY THE VESSEL FOR RE-ENTRY. I understand that if the band is tampered with, removed by anyone other than a Certified Screener, or if the enrolled vessel fails to pass its re-entry screening, then this Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit is rendered null and void and will be revoked and the Resident Vessel Program sticker will be removed by my Mussel Coordinator and/or Certified Screener.

I also understand that, given 24-hour advance notification at the phone numbers indicated below, I shall make the enrolled vessel available to SLO District for random verification of its storage location.

I also understand that if I am granted a Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit and I fail to comply with any of the conditions listed above I will have my Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit revoked for the remainder of the Program Year (i.e. through December 30th). Should I fail to comply with the Resident Vessel Program conditions, I grant the Certified Screener(s), Mussel Coordinator, and/or SLO District representative the authority to remove the enrolled vessel stickers. I further understand that if I do not comply with program standards, and my Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit is revoked, the associated Enrolled Vessel will not be able to launch at Lake Nacimiento for a period of six months.

Home Phone # ( [redacted] ) - [redacted] Cell Phone # ( [redacted] ) - [redacted]

[redacted] (Vessel Owner Signature) [redacted] (Vessel Owner Name) [redacted] (Date)

State of California NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR VESSEL OWNER'S SIGNATURE
County of \_\_\_\_\_).

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public, personally appeared
(insert name and title of the officer)

\_\_\_\_\_, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY MUSSEL AWARENESS CLASS INSTRUCTOR:**

The Vessel Owner indicated on page 1 of this Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit has completed the required Mussel Awareness Class on [REDACTED] (date of class) conducted on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (SLO District).

By checking this box, I (the Mussel Awareness Class Instructor) hereby certify that the SLO District approved me as a representative instructor and that I am certified as a Level I Training Instructor under the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (US Fish and Wildlife Service and 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian) Level II Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Training for Zebra/Quagga Mussels.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Instructor Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Instructor Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**SLO DISTRICT CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL:**

The required documentation for the Vessel Owner indicated on page 1 of this Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit has been verified on [REDACTED] (date) and approved for enrollment in the Resident Vessel Program by the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

Resident Pass Number Assigned to this Vessel: [REDACTED]

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SLO District Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SLO District Representative Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

*SLO District has issued two originals of this Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit to eligible vessel conforming to Program requirements, which will be distributed after completion of the Mussel Awareness Class. Upon verification of remaining Program requirements being met, Level I Training Instructor shall execute the two original Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavits and verify the date of completed Mussel Awareness Class.*

*Vessel Owner shall execute two original Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavits and have both notarized.*

*Vessel Owner shall **return one original, fully executed Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit to SLO District.** SLO District will provide a Resident Vessel Program sticker upon receipt of one original, fully executed Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit. Resident Vessel Certificate and Affidavit must be received by SLO District before Vessel Owner and his/her vessel is considered an Enrolled Vessel in the Resident Vessel Program.*