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**New Inspection Protocol in Place at Castaic Lake Following Discovery of
Quagga Mussel at Nearby Pyramid Lake**

CASTAIC – In response to the discovery of the Quagga Mussel in the Angeles Tunnel that serves as a connector between Pyramid Lake and Castaic Lake, all boats entering and leaving Castaic Lake will be required to undergo an inspection protocol for precautionary reasons.

All boats entering Castaic Lake will continue to be inspected to ensure they are completely dry. Starting today, boaters leaving the lake will be required to remove the plug in their vessels to completely drain all water, to prevent the spreading of the invasive mussel.

This protocol is in accordance with guidelines mandated by the California Department of Water Resources and the state Department of Fish and Wildlife at infested lakes.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has concluded that Pyramid Lake must be considered infested with the invasive species. Castaic Lake, which is located downstream from Pyramid Lake, is presumed infested with the mussels.

The Quagga Mussel is a small, non-native freshwater invasive mollusk that can clog water systems and alter lake ecosystems.

Castaic Lake State Recreation Area is owned by California State Parks and operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

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