

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in early 2007 the invasive *dreissenid* mussel was first discovered in the Western United States in Lake Mead and, within a year, 11 reservoirs in southern California were infested; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the rapid spread of the invasive mussel, California Fish and Game Code, Section 2302 was adopted, which mandated that any person, or federal, state, or local agency, district, or authority that owns or manages a reservoir, as defined in Section 6004.5 of the Water Code, where recreational, boating, or fishing activities are permitted, except a privately owned reservoir that is not open to the public, shall do both of the following: (1) Assess the vulnerability of the reservoir for the introduction of nonnative *dreissenid* mussel species; and (2) Develop and implement a program designed to prevent the introduction of nonnative *dreissenid* mussel species; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Water Operations Division, Aqueduct Section, in response to Fish and Game Code Section 2302 and the rapidly spreading *dreissenid* mussels, developed and implemented a mussel prevention program for all reservoirs that allowed motorized recreation throughout the Eastern Sierras, which are the headwaters to the Los Angeles Aqueduct; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, the golden mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*), an invasive species native to Asia, was first detected in California in the Port of Stockton; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Fish and Game Code was amended to include the golden mussels as an invasive restricted animal which prohibits the importation, transportation, and possession of live golden mussels in California; and

WHEREAS, aquatic invasive species, including the golden and *dreissenid* mussels, threaten ecological health by negatively affecting native and endangered species through ecosystem disruption, recreational value through the degradation of beaches with decomposing mussels and shell litter, obstruction of drinking water intake, distribution pipes, screens, and treatment facilities, and operational integrity of California's waterways and water infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State and Federal Legislative Programs, SUPPORT to legislation or administrative actions that would mandate inspections and decontamination of all watercraft before launch in waters of California to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive mussels, and support allocating funding to enforcement of such legislation to protect waterbodies and water infrastructure systems in the state.

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