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**VALLEJO TO RECEIVE \$197,000 GRANT FOR BILGE PUMP PROGRAM
GRANT TOTAL NOW TOPS THE \$3.7 MILLION MARK SINCE MAY 1999**

VALLEJO – The City of Vallejo has learned it will receive \$197,229 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board for a bilge pump-out system at the Vallejo Marina.

The money comes in the form of a Used Oil Opportunity Grant, which is available to local governments to establish or enhance permanent, sustainable used oil collection programs.

“This grant will help clean up the Vallejo Municipal Marina, as well as other waterways in the area, of oil and gas,” said Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli, Jr. “It will have a direct, positive impact on our local environment.”

The Vallejo City Municipal Marina is home to about 600 berthed vessels per year, and is the launch point for approximately 1,500 jet boats and another 400 fishing vessels per year. Vallejo’s Marina is also strategically located for boat traffic from the San Francisco Bay to the recreational waters of the Delta, or for boaters that tow vessels from the metropolitan San Francisco area and launch at the marina for various destinations throughout the vast waterways of the area.

Boats tend to leak oil and fuel into their bilge, which is then pumped out into the ocean or waters in which they may be traveling. As a result, small oil spills occur in the ocean or in harbors in which they are berthed, affecting water quality and various marine life.

The grant will be used to set up a bilge pump-out station that will allow boaters to pump out contaminated water from the bilge of their boats, rather than pump it out into the ocean or waters of the Carquinez Strait or other waterways, resulting in less wear and tear on the boat’s bilge pump as well as cleaner waterways.

Receipt of this grant brings the total amount of grant funds brought to the City by Armenta Management Consulting to \$3,763,318 since May of 1999.

“There is no understating the positive effect Dan Armenta has brought to our city through his efforts,” City Manager David Martinez said. “From recycling grants to help for public safety to illegal dumping assistance, Dan’s efforts have been helpful to the entire city.”