

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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"Comment Letter-Pesticide Prohibition Basin Plan Amendment"

Dear Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board

We built our home in Tahoe Keys in 1973 and have lived here permanently since. The spread of the invasive aquatic weed species has continually gotten worse. The Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association has worked full time diligently every summer season trying to control these fast growing invasive weed infestations and migration. It is an endless and very costly operation having the big harvesters and crews. Nothing is accomplished with this procedure. The weeds continue to spread degrading water quality, increasing nutrients, increasing water temperature for warm water fish and are a danger to boats and can entangle a swimmer.

As a resident of Tahoe Keys, a lot of money, time and diligence has not been able to control or get rid of these invasive water weeds. The careful and limited use of aquatic pesticides is the answer. I believe that these weeds can be controlled and eradicated if aquatic pesticides can be used now -- while populations are still limited.

I support the Lahontan Staff for their well- researched recommendation to the Lahontan Water Control Board Proposing exemptions to the prohibition of aquatic herbicides in Lake Tahoe. I now asked that the State Water Board will pass this important amendment before aquatic invasive species are not controllable.

I thank the State Water Board for their effort and courage in passing this amendment.

Sincerely,

Marjorie L. Daum, Tahoe Keys Property Owner, a South Lake Tahoe resident since 1947