

Response to Comments – September 30, 2011

Basin Plan Amendment - Pesticide Prohibition & Exemption Criteria

(Comment deadline 5 p.m., May 13, 2011)

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/comments051311/tspencer.pdf

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Notes for Lahontan Meeting – 4/13/2011	
<p>I'm a resident of the City of SLT</p> <p>I've been following the AIS issues for several years. I'm very concerned about what the long-term affects of AIS might be on LT, specifically non-native weeds, mussels and clams.</p> <p>Few cost effective techniques exist for controlling the spread of non-native weed species like milfoil and curly leaf pondweed.</p> <p>We worry that if the control methods are too expensive, the problems of AIS won't be dealt with quickly, if at all. As agency budgets continue to shrink, partnerships will be one way we might be able to fund this work...but only if the partners can afford to be partners.</p> <p>We encourage Lahontan to get a permitting process for use of aquatic herbicides approved as-soon-as-possible so that these weed infestations in the harbors and marinas can be treated effectively...before it's too late.</p> <p>I thank the board for pursuing this effort.</p> <p>Tom Spencer</p> <p>951-205-8862 POB 13140, SLT, 96151</p> <p>rangertom@earthlink.net</p>	<div data-bbox="1050 500 1911 667" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>TS R1: The cost effectiveness of some measures has yet to be confirmed. That said, project proponents are required to demonstrate why non-chemical means are ineffective. This may include logistical, technical, or fiscal reasons.</p> </div>