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send, Clerk to the State Water Board
Resources Control Board
0, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Subject: "Comment letter-Pesticide Prohibition Basin Plan
Amendment"

Dear Ms. Townsend,

My wife and I reside at the Tahoe Keys for
50% of each year and we are very concerned about the aquatic
weeds we see continually proliferating the lagoons and
waterways.

We think it is just a matter of time, before Lake Tahoe
could cease to be the pristine lake which is the pride of
California.

Our fear is that the proliferation of aquatic weeds will
one day make Lake Tahoe a "lake of weeds".

At present, the Tahoe Keys Property Owners' Association
(TKPOA) try to maintain the lagoons and waterways each summer
by cutting the weeds with machines, but the machines have
little or no effect upon the roots of the weeds. That is,
the weeds are never killed and they continue to grow, year
after year.

It could well be, that the present cutting of weeds
being performed by TKPOA, will cause a weed infestation of
Lake Tahoe proper, because boats will transport pieces of
weeds to various other parts of the lake. Also, the plants
that are being cut, are probably becoming more established
and harder to eradicate, as their root system is not affected
by the cutting of the foliage.

All things considered, the present method of trying to
stop the proliferation of aquatic weeds in Lake Tahoe, is **NOT**
WORKING.

We trust you will make a wise decision on this very
complex problem. A decision which will better control the
invasive aquatic weeds that threaten the pristine waters of
Lake Tahoe, and at the same time, will keep Lake Tahoe water
safe for everyone of us who depend upon it to drink.

Sincerely

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