



Dear Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board,

As a forty year home owner/resident of the Tahoe Keys, we continue to be concerned with the deteriorating condition of the lagoons due to the invasive milfoil. In spite of the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent over these many years, no improvement has been made. Mowing only cuts the weeds to about 4-5 ft below the surface. The plants are not eradicated, and seem to grow back even thicker. Boat propellers and keels cut and carry milfoil into the lake where it continues to spread the infestation.

To the best of our knowledge none of the methods to eradicate the weeds has been effective or certainly are not practical over the entire Keys lagoons.

We strongly urge the State Water Board, State Water Resources Control Board to approve the use of aquatic herbicides. These have been effective for years in other states, e.g. Minnesota. Products such as Aquacide pellets have proven very effective in killing the roots without long term detrimental impact on the water quality, fish and other fauna. Further, within a short time after Aquacide application, the water is again safe for swimming and drinking

This is not theory, speculation or wishful thinking. Years of actual use in inland lakes has proven the efficacy of products such as Aquacide.

We strongly encourage your Board and the other agencies that have already recommended herbicides to move forward aggressively with a campaign to permanently eradicate the milfoil infestation within the Tahoe Keys. If it were necessary to close access to the lake through the west channel for a period of time, though it would seriously restrict the use of residents and enjoyment of boating for a time, it would be a small price to pay to help restore and preserve our beautiful Lake Tahoe.

We urge you to take action now.

Sincerely,

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