



Dear Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the State Water Board

We 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. We now trust that the State Water Board will pass this important amendment before invasive species are not controllable.

As residents of Tahoe Keys in South Lake Tahoe, we treasure the pure water and pristine environment of Lake Tahoe. We are convinced that the careful and limited use of herbicides to control invasive aquatic weeds in Tahoe Keys is not only prudent, but vital and essential at this important point in history. If the spread of invasive and nuisance weed species is to be controlled and reversed, it must be done now, while weed populations are still limited and controllable.

We have been homeowners in Tahoe Keys for over 30 years, and we watch in horror as these invasive weed species multiple every year. The problem is getting worse. It can still be controlled. It can still be eradicated. We must be granted the tool to do so now.

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

Sincerely.

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