



Dear Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board,

My husband and I are residents of Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association which has invested vast resources towards controlling weeds in the Keys by the use of weed harvesters. A full summer crew is employed to operate 4 large mechanical weed harvesters which run 8 hours a day and 6 days a week. We can only remove weeds to a depth of 5-feet. After harvesting, the majority of weeds remain to adversely impact beneficial uses, degrade water quality by increasing water temperature, recycling nutrients, providing habitat for non-native warm water fish, and impacting the safety of water contact recreation. Because of these known adverse impacts, it is in the best interest of the State Water Board to preserve and improve water quality by allowing the careful, controlled use of all proven methods to control aquatic weeds.

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

Regards,

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