



Dear Jeanine Townsend and the State Water Board:

I am a fairly new resident to Tahoe Keys and moved here because of the gorgeous lake and appealing mountains. I was elected President of our association shortly after arriving and therefore have become familiar with some of the problems that lie within our beautiful lake. Last year our Board voted unanimously to support a project in conjunction with the Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Work Group of multi-government and educational agencies as they sought to explore all viable methods of controlling the invasive aquatic weeds that are ruining the clarity of our lake and interfering with our boaters in the Keys.

Preliminary results of these experiments have shown that mechanical means of mowing and harvesting the weeds looks better for a short period at the risk of spreading them further in to the Lake. Mats laid on the bottom of the Lake proved to be extremely difficult to install around our many docks and lagoons and therefore so expensive that it would be impossible to control the weeds this way. The dye experiment to see what would happen if we applied herbicides in controlled areas of our lagoons proved to be very encouraging. The dye did not move out of the controlled location and dissipated quickly. This multi-agency experiment will be ongoing for the next two years - and would ensure safe and controlled use of any herbicides that would be needed to eradicate the weeds from our lagoon waters.

We must be allowed to manage invasive aquatic weeds using all available tools including controlled and limited use of herbicides and we must begin doing so as soon as possible. Please allow us to employ every reasonable and proven tool available to control the spread of invasive species in Lake Tahoe and to do so while the eradication of these species is still a viable goal.

Sincerely,

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