



To: Ms. Jeanie Townsend
Clerk of the State Water Board

Re: Herbicide prohibition plan ammendment (Tahoe Keys)

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in support of the TKPOA request for the temporary and limited use of aquatic weed herbicides in the Tahoe basin, more specifically the Tahoe Keys waterway area. As a homeowner and member of the Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association we have spent and continue to spend a great deal of money in our attempt to control the spread and growth of invasive water weed species in our waterway. The Lahontan Water Control Board after extensive research and flow testing has allowed us an exemption and granted our request to apply the herbicides.

Our current harvesting and clearing methods offer only short term abatement of the weeds that continually clog our navigable waterways. Unfortunately, these methods seem to be only a short term fix and may accutally help spread the weed population. Our flow tests have idicated that the controlled application of these herbicides would only effect the Tahoe Keys waterways and not impact other water intakes in other areas of the Lake.

Please allow us the use of a reasonable and proven tool to assist us with eradicating these invasive species. If we fail to act soon, this problem may become insurmountable and the results would be a stagnant and un-usable waterway that would greatly affect the quality of life for the Tahoe Keys area.

I respectfully request that you grant our association this temporary exemption. Thank you.

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