



Dear Jeanine Townsend,
Clerk to the State Water Board

I have been an owner in the Tahoe Keys for 37 years. Before the invasion of aquatic weeds (Eurasian Milfoil), our lagoons were as clear as the lake; a joy to swim and boat in.

Fast forward to the present and you will find our lagoons filled with aquatic weeds despite our best efforts through harvesting to control them. While swimming, your arms and legs get tangled in them and while boating, oars and props get the same treatment.

To try and find a solution, the Tahoe Keys Property Association invested in a joint study with the TRPA and the Lahontan Water Board. One result of this study, shown through dye movement in the Keys, is the fact that controlled application of a herbicide will remain mostly within the Keys.

One might be tempted to say: it's the Keys problem, let them deal with it. The fact is neighboring beaches already are showing an accumulation of aquatic weeds near the shoreline. In the future, we will be concerned with these weeds clogging the Truckee Dam and impacting Emerald Bay, as well as other shorelines.

Please help us to prevent this from happening by joining the Lahontan Board proposal of exemptions to the prohibition of aquatic herbicides in Lake Tahoe.

Thank you for your help.

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