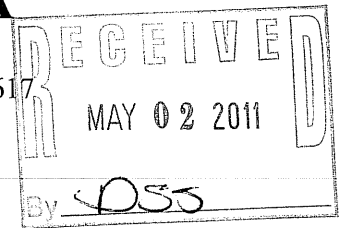


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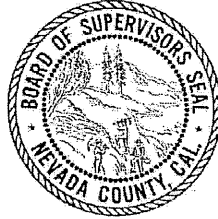
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April 26, 2011

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
ATTN: Dan Sussman  
2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard  
South Lake Tahoe, California 96150

SUBJECT: Support for Proposed Amendment Regarding Consideration of Aquatic Pesticides

Dear Mr. Sussman and Members of the Board:

After evaluating recommendations from the Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner and the County Fish and Wildlife Commission, we support the development of the plan amendment. The current policy of prohibiting aquatic pesticide use for the control and eradication of aquatic invasive species is obsolete in light of the increasing threats the Lahontan Region is experiencing from these organisms. From our perspective, these threats seem to have accelerated in the last decade. The plan amendment is unquestionably warranted.

We strongly recommend that you include the establishment of a rapid assessment and response team in order to expeditiously evaluate and treat newly-identified infestations before they develop to major crises. Such a team would ideally include appropriate experts from local government, the university system and industry as it is unreasonable with today's budgetary constraints to expect Lahontan to shoulder the full burden.

An additional safeguard would be to include a requirement to notify those who use water for agricultural purposes when aquatic pesticides are being applied.

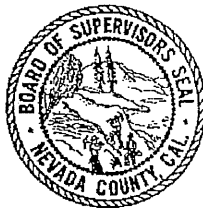
Serious local, regional, and national economic impacts have occurred and will increase unless policy is modified in light of these changed conditions. A few examples would be Davis Lake and Pike eradication, increase in wild land fire frequency cycles, loss of agriculture productivity due to invasive weeds, threats from diseases such as West Nile Virus, Avian flu and others, and declining population trends for many native wildlife species.

The LRWQB region has witnessed unprecedented modification to aquatic and terrestrial habitats from invasive species in the last two decades. Pest management programs can be established to control existing infestations such as Eurasian Watermilfoil. The exemption to the prohibition can enable public agencies to quickly eradicate Quagga or Zebra mussel if they were introduced into the region's water bodies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed C. Scofield". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Edward C. Scofield  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors



# **RESOLUTION No. 11-178**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION (BASIC PLAN) TO ALLOW SOME LAWFUL DISCHARGE OF AQUATIC PESTICIDES**

WHEREAS, the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's existing pesticide water quality objective in its Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region prohibits application of pesticides to surface waters; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan allows the Water Board to protect water quality from the unauthorized use and unintended effects of aquatic pesticides while still allowing some lawful discharge where that use is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the use of aquatic pesticides is necessary for the protection of public health and safety, the maintenance or restoration of certain beneficial uses and may be justified for certain situations where alternatives may be infeasible or inadequate to achieve effective control of pests; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission, during its meeting on April 5, 2011, approved a recommendation that the Board of Supervisors support the proposed amendments with the addition that they include a requirement to notify those who use water for agricultural purposes when aquatic pesticides are being applied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby supports the draft amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) to allow some lawful discharge of aquatic pesticides. In addition to the draft amendment, the Water Board should require notification of those who use water for agricultural purposes when aquatic pesticides are applied.

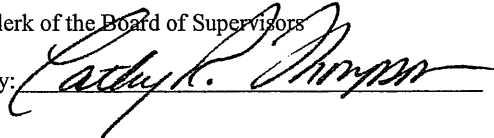
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ 26th \_\_\_\_\_ day of April \_\_\_\_\_, 2011,

by the following vote of said Board: Ayes: Supervisors Nate Beason, Ed Scofield, Terry Lamphier, Hank Weston & Ted S. Owens.  
Noes: None.

ATTEST: Absent: None.

CATHY R. THOMPSON  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Abstain: None.

By: 

  
Edward C. Scofield, Chair

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