



December 13, 2021

Joanne Marchetta,  
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Re: Tahoe Keys Weeds Control Test

The Lake Tahoe Marina Association, as an organization representing all the California and Nevada marinas on Lake Tahoe, is highly focused on the health and beauty of the Lake. Not only are the marinas dependent on the sparkling blue waters, but the management and staff of all of the marinas have a high level of pride in the pristine environment in which we live and work. We see all aquatic invasive species as a real and present danger to the health of Lake Tahoe. We have monitored the years of scientific research and numerous tests and attempts to control invasive species up to this point. Some of our marinas have and continue to volunteer as test sites for new and innovative approaches.

Now, like many others we recognize that the problem is continuing to grow, and the threat to the Lake is more dire than at any time in the past. A more intensive search for solutions and implementation of such solutions is a critical step towards insuring the future beauty of Lake Tahoe. We see the Tahoe Keys as a natural focal point for such efforts. While aquatic invasive species have been found in many locations around the lake, nowhere is the problem more concentrated than in the waterways that are isolated from the main body of the lake.

We have reviewed the Draft NPDES Permit and conclude that the "Tahoe Keys Lagoons Aquatic Weed Control Methods Test" is a reasonable, safe and necessary step, and we offer the full support of the Lake Tahoe Marina Association.

Sincerely,

M. Elie Alyeshmerni, President