



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Help Restore Lake Tahoe**

### **Volunteer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Aquatic Weed Removal Project**

Tahoe Basin residents and visitors are invited to help with the removal of one of Tahoe's most prolific aquatic invasive weeds, Eurasian watermilfoil, during the first annual Community Aquatic Weed Removal Project taking place at Baldwin Beach on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The project is a partnership of the League to Save Lake Tahoe, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and the U.S. Forest Service and will occur in conjunction with the Tahoe Native Species Festival.

Volunteers will be placing bottom barriers in a large swale that parallels Lake Tahoe, which is infected with Eurasian watermilfoil. Volunteers will be needed for numerous tasks that will not require entering the swale. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate.

Eurasian watermilfoil is a native water plant to Europe, Asia, and Northern Africa. It was once a common aquarium plant that has since spread throughout the water ways of the United States. Once established, the invasive watermilfoil can crowd out native plants, interfere with recreation and facilitate the establishment of invasive warm water fish and amphibians in Lake Tahoe.

All volunteers should wear sturdy shoes and long pants, and bring a water bottle and snack. Tools are provided, including a limited number of waders, required for those who will be working in the water. Volunteers are encouraged to bring work gloves and waders if they have them.

Registration is required. For more information or to sign-up, contact Flavia Sordelet with the League to Save Lake Tahoe at (530) 541-5388 or [events@keeptahoeblue.org](mailto:events@keeptahoeblue.org).

### **Details**

**What:** Community Aquatic Weed Removal Project

**When:** Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>; please call for time.

**Who:** all interested community members.

**Where:** **Baldwin Beach**, off of Highway 89 in South Lake Tahoe, CA

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