

**THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LAHONTAN
REGION PUBLIC NOTICE OF DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND
COMMENT**

**TENTATIVE RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EXEMPTION TO THE AQUATIC
PESTICIDE DISCHARGE PROHIBITION IN THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE LAHONTAN REGION FOR THE CONTROL METHODS TEST OF
HERBICIDES AND OTHER TECHNIQUES TO REDUCE AQUATIC INVASIVE
PLANTS IN THE TAHOE KEYS LAGOONS
AND
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR TAHOE KEYS PROPERTY
OWNERS ASSOCIATION TAHOE KEYS LAGOON AQUATIC WEEDS CONTROL
METHODS TEST
AND
MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING FOR
THE CONTROL METHODS TEST OF HERBICIDES AND OTHER TECHNIQUES TO
REDUCE AQUATIC INVASIVE PLANTS IN THE TAHOE KEYS LAGOONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board) will receive written comments on the tentative Resolution Granting an Exemption to the Aquatic Pesticide Prohibition in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region for the Control Methods Test of Herbicides and Other Techniques to Reduce Aquatic Invasive Plants in the Tahoe Keys Lagoons (Resolution), the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association Tahoe Keys Lagoon Aquatic Weeds Control Methods Test (Permit) and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting for the Control Methods Test of Herbicides and Other Techniques to Reduce Aquatic Invasive Plants in the Tahoe Keys Lagoons (MMRP).

Background

The Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association has submitted an application for the Tahoe Keys Lagoons Aquatic Weeds Control Methods Test that proposes to test the effectiveness of targeted aquatic herbicides and other non-chemical methods to reduce and control the growth of invasive and nuisance aquatic weeds in the Tahoe Keys lagoons.

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) contains prohibitions that apply to all surface waters of the Lahontan Region. Chapter 4, section 4.1 of the Basin Plan specifies the following waste discharge prohibition: "The discharge of pesticides to surface or ground waters is prohibited." Exemptions to this prohibition may be allowed subject to the criteria detailed in the section entitled "Exemption Criteria for Aquatic Pesticide Use" in Chapter 4, section 4.1 of the Basin Plan. The Lahontan Water Board will consider whether to approve the Resolution granting an exemption to this prohibition.

The Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association filed a report of waste discharge and applied for issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the discharge of aquatic pesticide residuals. The Lahontan Water Board tentatively proposes to issue the Permit.

Table 1 Project Information

Permit Applicant	Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association
Name of Project	Tahoe Keys Lagoons Aquatic Weed Control Methods Test
Facility Address	356 Ala Wai Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 El Dorado County
Discharge Points	Tahoe Keys Lagoons; Lake Tallac
Discharge Description	Aquatic Herbicide Residues, Rhodamine WT and Lanthanum-Modified Clay
Receiving Waters	Lake Tahoe, Pope Marsh, Lake Tallac

Document Availability

The documents for the tentative Resolution, tentative Permit, MMRP, and corresponding information are available on:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/programs/tahoe_keys_weed_control/

Submission of Comments

The Lahontan Water Board will accept written comments on the tentative Resolution, tentative Permit, and MMRP. Written comments must be received no later than **5:00pm on November 1, 2021**. Comment letters may be submitted electronically, via email, with the subject "Tahoe Keys Weeds Control Test" to the following e-mail address: lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov, or submitted in hard copy to 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, to the attention of Russell Norman.

After the public comment period, the Lahontan Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive oral comments and to consider adoption of the tentative resolution and tentative permit. The exact date, location, and time of the hearing and adoption meeting is to be determined and will be provided in a separate notice and on the project web page noted above.

The tentative Resolution, tentative Permit, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Water Board's office at 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 between 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Lahontan Water Board at: (530) 542-5400.

Questions may be directed to Russell Norman at the Lahontan Water Board office, (530) 542-5435 or russell.norman@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please bring the above information to the attention of any person whom you know to be interested in this matter.

Date: _____

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