



Dear Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board

The homeowner association that I belong to (Tahoe Keys) has invested vast resources towards controlling weeds in the Keys by the use of weed harvesters. A full summer crew is employed to operate 4 large mechanical weed harvesters which run 8 hours a day and 6 days a week. We can only remove weeds to a depth of 5-feet. After harvesting, the majority of weeds remain to adversely impact beneficial uses, degrade water quality by increasing water temperature, recycling nutrients, providing habitat for non-native warm water fish, and impacting the safety of water contact recreation. Because of these known adverse impacts, it is in the best interest of the State Water Board to preserve and improve water quality by allowing the careful, controlled use of all proven methods to control aquatic weeds. We applaud the Lahonton Water Board for taking the action needed to control these invasive species and hope the State Water Board will follow their example and pass this amendment before these species become uncontrollable. Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

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