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RE: Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region: Pesticide Prohibition with exemption criteria.

Dear Ms. Wagner, Mr. Sussman, and Members of the Lahontan Water Board,

These comments are submitted on behalf of the League to Save Lake Tahoe ("League"). The League appreciates the opportunity to comment on Lahontan's September 30th, 2011 Response to Comments of the League's April 13, 2011 letter.

The League's letter raised two major issues. First, existing AIS infestations that are already established should be controlled by non-chemical methods. Second, chemical uses should only be considered on an emergency basis if the quagga or zebra mussels are introduced to a water body within the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Lahontan's response to the first concern is that the request for pesticides use must be accompanied by evidence that non-chemical methods are not a successful method to achieve control. The League asserts that this is not a strong enough protection and that there should not be an exemption for chemical treatments for these types of infestation.

Lahontan's response to the second concern is that the existing amendment language allows for an exemption if it follows Public Resource Code section 21060.3 or CEAQ definitions for emergency. The League continues to support such an emergency exemption.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

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