



Legislative Committee for the Review and
Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)

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Senator Skip Daly, Chair and Members of the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the TRPA,

The Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association (TKPOA) has worked diligently with the scientific community and TRPA since 2011 to investigate and address the science, policy, and other technical issues necessary to bring aquatic invasive plants (AIP) under control in the Tahoe Keys lagoons. This public/private partnership includes over \$4 million in investments by Tahoe Keys homeowners in recent years to permit and implement the 2022 – 2024 Control Methods Test (CMT), which is assessing the ability of alternative methods to bring the AIP under control.

Next year, and informed by the results of the 3-year CMT Project, TKPOA will develop a long-term integrated management plan (IMP). The IMP will be designed to achieve the recently adopted Lake Tahoe Threshold Standard of a 75 percent reduction in AIP for the Tahoe Keys lagoons relative to the 2020 AIP baseline conditions.

TKPOA looks forward to continuing its public/private partnership with TRPA and interested stakeholders over the next few years to permit and implement a timely and practicable IMP. Only through the combined efforts of the homeowners, resource agencies, regulatory agencies, and the science community can we permanently improve the beneficial (private and public) uses and environmental conditions of the lagoons, and also help protect Lake Tahoe's ecosystem.

As the Legislative Committee considers TRPA's AIS Program at its July 19 meeting, TKPOA requests that the Committee consider the successful contributions that TRPA has made, and will hopefully continue to make in the future, toward TKPOA's AIP management efforts in the Tahoe Keys lagoons.

Sincerely,

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