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RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Research Division
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Attn: Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the TRPA and the Marlette Lake Water System

RE: Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Dear Nevada Oversight Committee,

Tahoe Resource Conservation District (Tahoe RCD) is a non-regulatory, grant-funded, Special District that provides resource conservation services within the Tahoe Basin. Tahoe RCD was established in 1974 and we are celebrating our 50th anniversary of conservation in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Tahoe RCD plays a critical role in addressing the most important natural resource concerns and opportunities in the Tahoe Basin, including preventing and eradicating aquatic invasive species from the lake, helping communities mitigate the risk of wildfire, addressing stormwater monitoring needs, and restoring public lands.

Together, Tahoe RCD and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), have successfully implemented the Lake Tahoe Watercraft Inspection Program since 2008. The Lake Tahoe Regions' complex ecological and regulatory landscape requires effective partnerships, and Tahoe RCD's years-long relationship with TRPA has resulted in nationally recognized approaches to combatting aquatic invasive species (AIS). Tahoe RCD and TRPA co-chair the Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinating Committee, a working group of the Environmental Improvement Program. This coalition of partners from California and Nevada has a powerful track record of working together to navigate planning and implementing successful AIS control projects along the shoreline of Lake Tahoe.

The partnership between Tahoe RCD and TRPA has expanded opportunities for success and innovation in preventing and controlling AIS in the Region. Our agencies' considerable skill and experience in the field of AIS prevention, control, and education extend to leveraging funding and streamlining regulatory processes where possible, resulting in an AIS Program considered the gold standard in the Nation.

Tahoe RCD values the leadership that TRPA provides in guiding the AIS program to provide services to the public while protecting Lake Tahoe's environment. We look forward to many years of continued success with our respected partners in the Lake Tahoe AIS Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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We Do Conservation

The mission of the Tahoe RCD is to promote the conservation, stewardship and knowledge of the Lake Tahoe region's natural resources by providing leadership and innovative environmental services to all stakeholders.