



**NOTICE OF PREPARATION for the  
TAHOE KEYS LAGOONS AQUATIC WEED CONTROL METHODS TEST**

**DATE:** June 17, 2019

**TO:** California State Clearinghouse  
California Responsible Agencies  
California Trustee Agencies  
El Dorado County, County Clerk  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Nevada State Clearinghouse  
Other Interested Agencies  
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California  
United Auburn Indian Community  
Interested Parties and Organizations  
Affected Property Owners

**FROM:** Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)  
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

**LEAD AGENCIES:**

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**SUBJECT**

TRPA and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Notice of Preparation (NOP) to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a TRPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Tahoe Keys Lagoons Aquatic Weed Control Methods Test ("Project"). The joint environmental document will analyze the potential environmental effects of the Project.

## **PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD**

The Lead Agencies invite public comment on the scope of the project and content of the EIR/EIS in response to this NOP. Pursuant to Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, this NOP will be circulated for a minimum 45-day review period beginning on June 17, 2019 and ending on August 2, 2019. In your response, include your name, the name of your agency or organization (if applicable), and contact information.

Comments on the NOP may be received via e-mail to [tahoekeysweeds@trpa.org](mailto:tahoekeysweeds@trpa.org), or via U.S. mail to Dennis Zabaglo, Aquatic Resources Program Manager, at the above TRPA mailing address by 5:00 p.m. on **August 2, 2019**. In addition, comments may be provided at the public scoping meetings, noticed below.

## **PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS**

The Lead Agencies have scheduled public scoping meetings at the times and locations indicated below. The purposes of the public scoping meetings are to receive verbal and written input on the scope of the proposed project, project alternatives and environmental document. The Lead Agencies will consider all comments, written and oral, in determining the final scope of the evaluation to be included in the EIR/EIS.

### **Public Scoping Meetings:**

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 5:00 p.m.**

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Annex Building  
971 Silver Dollar Avenue  
South Lake Tahoe, CA

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 9:30 a.m.**

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency  
Governing Board Meeting  
128 Market Street  
Stateline, NV

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 5:00 p.m.**

North Tahoe Event Center  
8318 North Lake Boulevard  
Kings Beach, CA

## **BACKGROUND**

The Project site is in the lagoons of the Tahoe Keys. The Tahoe Keys was constructed in the 1960s by excavating lagoons in the Upper Truckee River Marsh, and now includes more than 1,500 homes and townhomes, a commercial marina, and a commercial center. Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) became established in the 1980s and 1990s, and curlyleaf pondweed (*Potamoeton crispus* L.) was discovered in Lake Tahoe in 2003. Surveys document aquatic weeds growing rapidly to occupy up to 90 percent of the lagoon areas in recent years. Seasonal harvesting has been the main weed control practice since the mid-1980s, removing more than 10,000 cubic yards of biomass annually. Aquatic weeds have the potential to impact all the marinas around Lake Tahoe, and their continued spread constitutes the most immediate threat to the lake, according to the University of Nevada's 2015 Implementation Plan for the Control of Aquatic Invasive Species within Lake Tahoe. The goal of the project is to test control techniques of the populations of aquatic weeds in the designated test areas and reduce the spread of these plants to other parts of Lake Tahoe.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**

See attachment

## **POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

At a minimum, each of the following environmental issue areas below will be addressed in the EIS/EIR.

Hydrology and Water Quality  
Biological Resources  
Human Health  
Hazards and Hazardous Materials  
Recreation

Geology and Soils  
Land Use and Planning  
Public Services  
Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
Global Climate Change

The NOP and the project file, including the Initial Study/Initial Environmental Checklist prepared under CEQA and TRPA regulations, are available for review between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Tuesday), at the TRPA office, 128 Market Street, Stateline, NV. Project information may also be found at [www.tahoekeysweeds.org](http://www.tahoekeysweeds.org). The project file is also available Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board office, 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA.