

TAHOE HAB PRIVATE CITIZENS' GROUP

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To: Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (California) – Rebecca Stanton, Lahontan Waterboards Region 6 – Mary Fiore Wagner, Russell Norman, Robert Tucker, TRPA – Dennis Zabaglo, Paul Nielsen, Kimberly Chevallier, Shay Navarro, Julie Regan, El Dorado County Public Health Officer – Dr. Nancy Williams, Placer County Interim Health Officer – Dr. Rob Oldham, Washoe County Director of Health Department – Nancy Diao

Regarding: Photographs

Today we transmitted a Report (A Preliminary Investigation of Cyanobacteria Toxins in Lake Tahoe Water and Aerosols). Attached are photographs taken following application of the aquatic herbicides within the Tahoe Keys development. The photographs clearly show the problems with aquatic weeds and algae blooms have not been resolved by the use of herbicides. To the contrary, the photographs taken in the Tahoe Keys clearly show that the use of herbicides, to control the aquatic weeds has exacerbated the toxic cyanobacteria bloom. Cyanobacteria levels were not sampled prior to the use of aquatic herbicides. The additional photographs show that the aquatic weed problem exists throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin. The use of alternative methods to resolve these issues, which was required to conform to Basin Plan requirements, must be properly evaluated and documented to completion. Continued sampling and documentation of both aquatic weeds and cyanobacteria is imperative to properly evaluate the environmental issues associated with the use of herbicides.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Lake Tahoe Cyanotoxin Report: Summer 2022



Regan Beach – September 2022



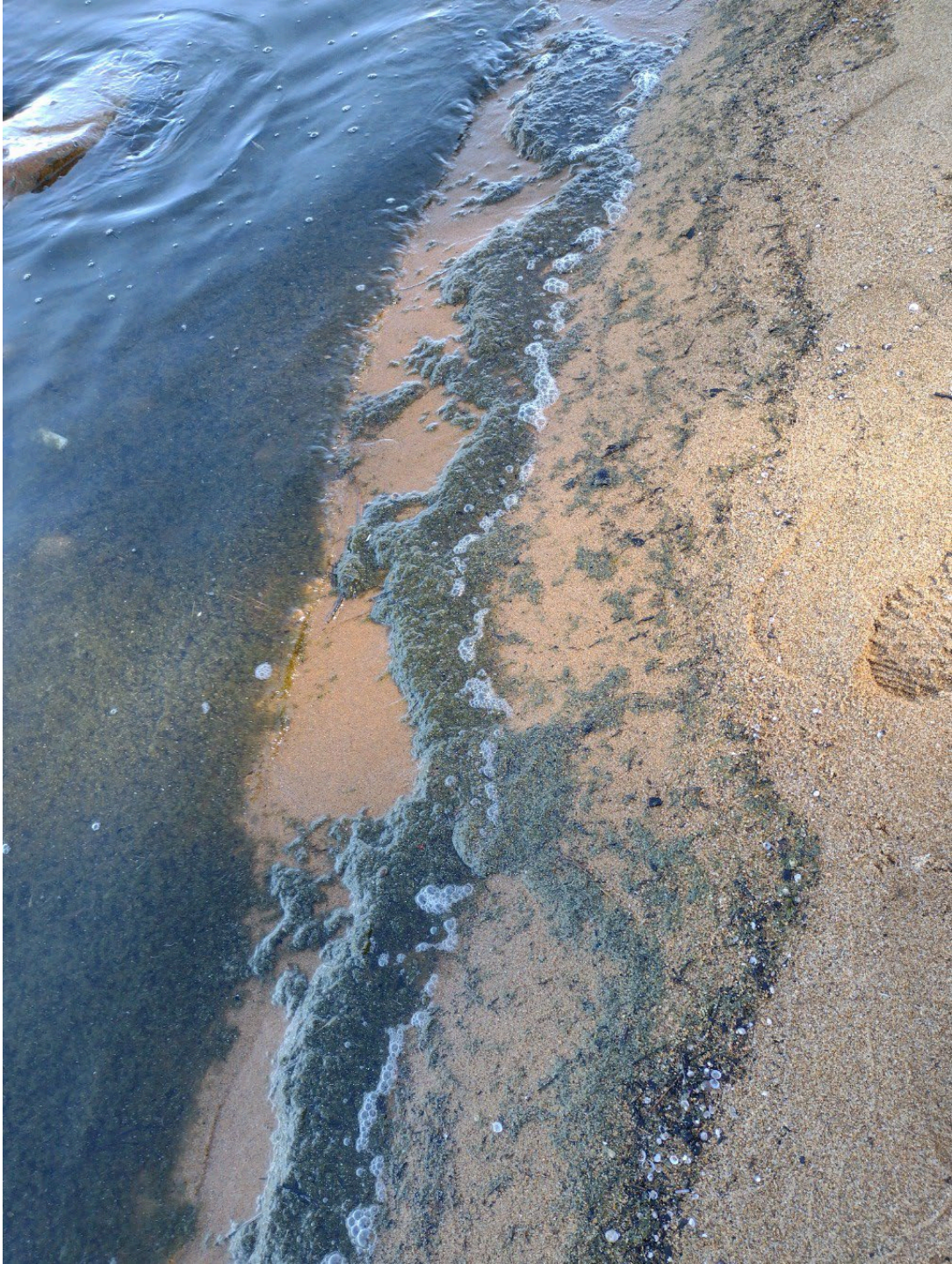
Aloha Lagoon at Tahoe Keys –October 2022



Valhalla Pier – July 2022



Monterey Lagoon at Tahoe Keys – July 2022



Kiva Beach – September 2022



Truckee River – October 2022