

State approves use of pesticides in Lake Tahoe

Pesticides will be allowed to be used in Lake Tahoe.

That was the decision the state Water Resources Control Board made May 15.

While plenty of hoops are in place for anyone wanting to do so, the ruling is ground breaking.

The Lahontan Regional Board in December approved the application of pesticides and herbicides in select circumstances. On Tuesday, this is also what the state board agreed to.

Environmental groups and some water purveyors had asked the state to consider a five-year moratorium on pesticide applications.

Lahontan wants the leeway to approve the use to help eradicate various aquatic invasive species in the lake.

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