

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

## MEMORANDUM:

To: Mr. R. Montgomery, Regional Manager  
Dept. of Fish and Game - Region II.

Date: January 27, 1960

J. T. Leggett, Executive Officer

Subject: Tahoe Keys

From: LAHONTAN REGION NO. 6  
407 W. Line Street, Bishop  
Phone: 6161

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have forwarded to Robert Allen in Los Angeles, in answer to a letter that was sent to this office over his signature, complaining about a pollution problem in Lake Tahoe.

There were seven such letters received, with almost identical wording in each letter. Apparently someone wrote and signed the letters to increase the volume of complaints.

Mr. Allen notified me that he had not sent the letter which I referred to and I assume those sent by the parties listed in my reply to him are of the same nature. I have noted that those same persons also filed complaints with your Department.

On several occasions I have checked with Mr. Marsden, of the State Department of Public Health in El Dorado County, and on one occasion with Mr. Leamon, your Game Warden. They have both informed me that the discoloration which occurred some months ago has ceased and that there does not appear to be any critical problem at this time.

I have checked with the people of Tahoe Keys and they have explained that no discharge is being made to Lake Tahoe as a result of their dredging operations, and that the mud now being dredged is being pumped to the marsh land and used for building up that area. Also, that all culverts have been blocked off and plans are being made to install a coffer dam to prevent discolored water from the Marina entering Trout Creek, thence into Lake Tahoe. The Company has further explained that building the coffer dam at this time would be futile because during the spring runoffs and rains, water would rise in the Marina and eventually discharge into the lake.

The Company has retained the services of Water Resources Engineers, Inc., to work out some of the problems of clearing up the water in the Marina next fall and also to determine methods which might be employed to prevent further siltation to Lake Tahoe when the Tahoe Keys opens their project for access to Lake Tahoe. The company is comprised of Jerome F. Raphael, President,

Mr. R. Montgomery

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Jaime Amorocho, Gerold Orlob, and Charles Scheffey. These men are consulting engineers for a number of rather large projects dealing with siltation problems. It appears that the company is making every effort to prevent any further problems from occurring.

I would appreciate your Department notifying this Board if any further siltation does occur as a result of these operations. If you have any comments on this matter, or questions, please let me know.

  
J. T. Leggett

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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

LAHONTAN REGION #6  
BISHOP, CALIFORNIA

November 5, 1959

Mr. Robert Allen  
Allen-Shaw Associates  
1516 Westwood Boulevard  
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have received your letter of November 4, 1959 wherein you have stated you have not written a letter regarding the alleged pollution problem that has occurred at the south end of Lake Tahoe. I was quite surprised to hear that you had no interests in that area.

This Board has received copies of letters forwarded to the State Department of Public Health in Sacramento by a number of persons living in the Los Angeles area, among which yours was included. These letters were written in almost the same tone. Your letter was dated October 26, 1959, (see copy enclosed.) The other parties signing similar letters were as follows:

Pete W. Lille, Pete's on Pico, 10930 W. Pico Blvd., L.A. 66  
T. Greenberg, T.G. Investment Co., Inc., 210 S. Stanley Dr., Bev. Hills  
Frank Manning, Manning Studios, 402 Westwood Blvd., West L.A.  
Donald R. Phillips, Public Accountant, 1516 Westwood Blvd., L.A. 24  
C. W. Hollis, Venice Tire Shop, 1001 Washington Blvd., Venice, Cal.  
Lee Clasky, McKibbin Pharmacy, 12400 Washington Blvd., L.A.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the above parties for their information.

It appears obvious to this office that the letters referred to can be discounted as far as objections to the problem are concerned. This rather amateurish method of attempting to influence this Board's actions is somewhat discouraging, to say the least. I certainly appreciate your notifying me that you had nothing to do with this maneuver.

Thank you again for your conscientious effort in bringing this matter to our attention.

Very truly yours,

J. T. Leggett /s/  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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cc: Mr. R. Montgomery ✓

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Tahoe Keys File.

J. T. Leggett, Executive Officer  
Water Pollution Control Board  
Lahontan Region No. 6  
407 W. Line Street  
Bishop, California

February 3, 1960

, Region II

Tahoe Keys

Thank you for your letter of January 27, 1960, in regard to Tahoe Keys.

To my knowledge, no recent problems have developed in this area, although many local residents are still perturbed that we were not more decisive in our actions there in regard to the Tahoe Keys organization following their initial spilling of wastes into Lake Tahoe. I plan to visit the south end of Lake Tahoe in the very near future to contact some of these complaining parties.

I will advise you of any new developments that may concern you.

Robert D. Montgomery  
Regional Manager

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