COUNTY OF LAKE



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Your Property is next to a Treatment Area Notification of Treatment

Dear Property Owner,

The aquatic noxious weed, hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*), is present in Clear Lake. Since its discovery in 1994, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has been working in partnership with the Lake County Agricultural Commissioner and Lake County Water Resources to eradicate the weed using survey techniques and aquatic herbicides. Due to the program's diligence, hydrilla populations in the lake have been reduced to near eradication. The initial plan for the 2022 season is to treat 85.71 acres, down from 189.49 acres treated in 2021. For additional information please see the documents posted on the CDFA Hydrilla Eradication Program page: www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/ipc/hydrilla/hydrilla_hp.html

Treatments, and comprehensive survey efforts will continue this year to mitigate the tuber banks (seed bank) from which the hydrilla can sprout from annually. The absence of hydrilla finds in recent years have resulted in a significant reduction in treated acreage in 2022. Survey crews will conduct daily surveys along the shoreline, which encompasses 6,229 acres, in addition to surveys of deeper waters and connecting streams.

The Lake County Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the California Department of Food and Agriculture sincerely appreciate the efforts of the Clear Lake community in helping to keep the lake free of a noxious invasive weed. Should you have any questions or suspect a sighting of hydrilla, please call the Hydrilla Eradication Project, California Department of Food and Agriculture, (707) 263-1649 or email IPCinfo@cdfa.ca.gov.

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