

STOP

THESE HERBICIDES FROM BEING
SPRAYED EACH YEAR INTO THE
SOURCE OF YOUR DRINKING WATER



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PRODUCE ENERGY FROM MECHANICALLY HARVESTING
WATER HYACINTHS & START USING BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS

Water Hyacinths and other non-native species were inadvertently introduced into the Contra Costa Delta Waterways many years ago and have proliferated in the entire Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa Delta Waterways. Starting in 1983, the State of California and Contra Costa County (by a vote of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors), authorized the use of these and other toxic herbicides in the source of your drinking water.

- **2,4-D** - (1/2 of the herbicide Agent Orange, which was used as a defoliant in Vietnam by the U.S. Government), and a surfactant is being sprayed each year in the Contra Costa Delta Waterways which is the source of drinking water for approximately 500,000 Contra Costa residents
- **Diquat** - Another herbicide, is being sprayed on Water Hyacinths
- **Glyphosate (Roundup)** - Is being sprayed on Water Hyacinths
- **Fluridone Herbicide Pellets** - Is being sprayed in Discovery Bay, Bethel Island, Knightson, and other areas to control another noxious weed (Egeria Densa). **Read the product labels & material safety data sheets on these products, follow directions to avoid exposure to these herbicides.**

The use of these and other herbicides in the Contra Costa Delta Waterways since 1983, have not reduced the Water Hyacinth or Egeria Densa weed populations. In the early 1980s, the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors refused California State matching funds for either mechanical harvesting of Water Hyacinths or in using safe biological controls. No posting of the Contra Costa Delta Waterways during the spraying of these toxic chemicals is alleged to have taken place in the last thirty years and no warnings about eating contaminated fish or swimming in sprayed water areas have been posted to protect the public health.

It is time for the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors to take action and protect the source of our drinking water in the Contra Costa Delta Waterways through the use of mechanical harvesting and biological controls. The safety of the public rests today in their hands. Contra Costa Delta Waterways that are to be sprayed with herbicides should be posted with public warnings... and also warnings should be placed in all Contra Costa County Newspapers.

The Contra Costa County Supervisors could vote to use the Water Hyacinths as part of Contra Costa wastewater purification projects, to produce power or as part of a mechanical harvesting project where they could be used as a biofuel.

**CONTACT YOUR SUPERVISORS TODAY! Alternatives to the use of toxic chemical herbicides are now available.
PROTECT THE SOURCE OF YOUR DRINKING WATER!**

