

Lake Garfield Working Group (LGWG) Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2023

Members in attendance: Richard Jaffe, Mike Germain, Trevor Hurst, Dennis Lynch
The LGWG meeting was convened at 7:04 pm with a quorum.

Agenda Item: Preparation of a Notice of Determination (NOI) to extend the use of Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) and seasonal Drawdown of Lake Garfield for the continued control of the aquatic weed Eurasian watermilfoil.

Dennis stated that the MA DEP approved the request to “bundle” the Drawdown and DASH in Lake Garfield. Combining both the Drawdown and DASH into one Notice of Intent (NOI) will save Monterey both time and money. The Monterey Conservation Commission issued a one (1) extension of the Drawdown (DEP File No. 230-0242) in May while the DASH (DEP File No. 230-0300) also needs to be extended to enable the Eurasian watermilfoil control activities to continue during the Fall 2023 season.

The Monterey Lake Scientist, Hillary Kenyon, is in the process of completing the bundled NOI for the Select Board to review and sign at their next scheduled meeting July 25, 2023. As background for the preparation of the bundled NOI, a copy of the 2015 NOI application was requested by the Lake Scientist and will be sent to her. Following discussion, the LGWG decided to recommend, to the Select Board, a Drawdown range of up to six (6) feet as part of the NOI.

The LGWG decided to send an email to the Monterey Conservation Commission requesting an extension of DASH activities and to recommend to the Select Board to review and sign the bundled NOI application. Both Michael Germain and Dennis Lynch indicated that they will attend the Select Board meeting on July 25th in support of the LGWG recommendation.

The LGWG meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.