

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2002 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number** Won T. Choi; Sheen H. Tran S1303 **Project Title Blue-Green Algae in Lake Elsinore: Second Year Study** Abstract **Objectives/Goals** To find out why algae concentration is high in Lake Elsinore and to extricate it. **Methods/Materials** Disolved oxygen concentraton test kit. Nitrate concentration test kit. Phosphate concentraton test kit. Results Many agricultural and industrial run-offs caused algae to bloom. Copper II sulfate. Cutrine Plus and Barley Straw is used to extricate the algae. Barley straw was the most effective and safe with surrounding environment. **Conclusions/Discussion** Barley Straw takes time to decompose, but once it decomposes, it showed the highest rate of reducing algae while it wasn't harmful to the surrounding environment. **Summary Statement** Reduce algae in Lake Elsinore to the safe level. **Help Received** Test kit provided by La Sierra High School, Mr. Westover. Riverside Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li, provided much valuable information.