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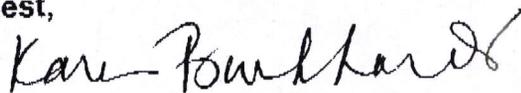
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Div. of Water Rights
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Re: Comment Letter – Pinecrest Conditions Workshop

Message:

Hello Mr. Parks-
Please accept this letter as our comment on P G & E Company's request for modification of Pinecrest conditions, and the State Water Board staff's proposed amendment to the certification.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our letter. Please contact me or Gregory Humphrey at the number listed above if you have questions or need more information.

Best,



Karen Burkhardt
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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights, Attn: Jeffrey Parks
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Dear Mr. Jeffrey Parks:

The purpose of this letter is to express our support of the **P G & E Request for Change to Minimum Pinecrest Reservoir Level.**

The primary concern of the Tuolumne County Association of REALTORS® is that TUD have adequate consumptive water supply for their current customers, as well as the ability to plan for the water needs for future development.

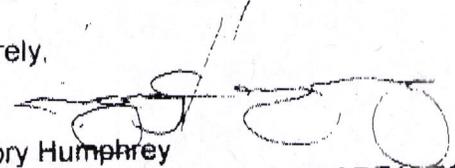
Tuolumne County has made some progress in economic development over the last few years, but more progress is needed. We expect to move from what has been an extraordinarily low level of development into a period of increased development as our real estate market continues to improve. An essential component of continued economic recovery is TUD's consumptive water supply.

We have seen information which states that in 23 of 39 years, domestic and agricultural water use resulted in lake levels below 5608; and lake levels below 5606 in 20 of those years. The "Staff Recommended Lake Level" plan does not seem to take this history into account. The amount of water falling on this watershed may be trending down, so the P G & E recommended lower levels for "Normal" to "Dry" years seem reasonable.

We realize that there are some concerns with the lower Pinecrest Lake elevations related to recreational uses. We also realize the challenges in the fair balancing of water uses. However, we don't support placing considerations of recreational water use ahead of consumptive and agricultural water use.

We urge you to implement the "P G & E Requested Lake Level" by "Water Year Type" as shown in your Fact Sheet.

Sincerely,


Gregory Humphrey
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