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June 19, 2012

Mr. Tom Howard, Deputy Director  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Mr. Howard,

The Tuolumne County Building Industry and its members would like to advocate in favor of the variance to allow the water level at Pinecrest Lake to be lowered to the 5,806 level, as has been allowed in years past, to insure the continued supply of water to our communities from PG&E and TUD, if necessary between Memorial and Labor Day this year.

Please work with TUD and Tuolumne County in this drought year in order that severe water rationing, outages and detrimental and irreversible damage is not inflicted upon our residents and agricultural customers, when it can be avoided with a simple adherence to past practices.

We would ask that the State Water Resource Control Board use its discretion and approve the requested variance and action as the responsible thing to do when conditions, unforeseen to policymakers emerge and cannot be addressed through other means.

We look forward to the SWRCB's timely and considerate decision.

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