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From: Lisa Westbrook <lisaw@tuolumneutilities.com>
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April 8, 2015

Mr. Jeffrey Parks
State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Water Rights Water Quality Certification Program P.O. Box
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Dear Mr. Parks:

As a customer of Tuolumne Utilities District and resident of Tuolumne County, I am in strong support of the Mitigated Negative Declaration of PG&E's Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project that proposes that PG&E be allowed to lower the surface elevation of Pinecrest Lake, until and including Labor Day each year, from the current minimum elevation of 5,608 feet to a range of minimum elevations between 5,606 feet and 5,600 feet, depending on the water year type as defined in the existing certification.

The last few years have been exceptional in the lack of precipitation. Last year our community exhibited strong water conservation efforts due to drought conditions facing our region and we will do the same this year. The lack of precipitation has lead to dangerously dry vegetation with the increased risk of fire starts and larger fires. To combat potential devastating fires it is essential that our storage sources throughout our communities are at their fullest. It is imperative for the health and well-being of Tuolumne County that TUD be able to draw down Pinecrest Lake as described above for the water consumption needs and safety of the community.

Sincerely,

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