

April 15, 2015

Mr. Jeffrey Parks  
State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Water Rights  
Water Quality Certification Program  
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Dear Mr. Parks:

As a customer of Tuolumne Utilities District and of the community of Tuolumne County, I am in strong support for 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.

Last year our community exhibited strong water conservation efforts due to drought conditions facing our region. It is essential 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.

Since all residents of California are being required to substantially reduce water use, it only seems reasonable that recreationists should share in the conservation efforts. The compromise being offered would be mitigated by the PG&E proposal, so the effect of a lower reservoir level would be minimal, compared to other reservoirs throughout the State, where recreational use will be severely limited due to much lower water levels.

Sincerely,

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