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State of California Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)  
Jeff Parks

RE: Public Hearing Regarding Pinecrest Lake Level Decision

Mr. Parks,

I am the General Manager for the Twain Harte Community Services District (THCSD), which is a raw water purchaser from the Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD). At a regular meeting of THCSD Board of Directors, the Board reviewed comments from the public hearing that your office conducted in Sonora, CA on October 06, 2012. I was directed by the Board to voice their concerns regarding the current decision by your organization to require, that prior to Labor Day each year, the Pinecrest Lake level remain at, or above, the 5,608 feet elevation if the last spill occurs on or past July 1, or 5,606 feet if the spill ceases before July 1.

The THCSD Board of Directors is very concerned that the SWRCB used its authority incorrectly in considering the lake level, based upon recreation concerns during a re-licensing effort on behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric. It is the Board's position that recreation should not have played a role in a re-licensing effort.

Additionally, the THCSD Board of Directors is concerned that your office did not take into consideration that Tuolumne County is an extreme fire hazard area and that the population influx into Twain Harte during the summer months, (as well as other Tuolumne County areas), increases significantly. While Twain Harte has a permanent population of just over 2,500, the transient population can easily double that number during these months.

Finally, although the wants and needs of Pinecrest Permittees are important and worthy of consideration, we believe the interests of the vast majority of Tuolumne County residents should take precedence.

It is the desire of the Twain Harte Community Services District's Board of Directors that the SWRCB reconsider its decision based upon these facts.

Regards,

Scot A. Moody  
General Manager  
Twain Harte Community Services District