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Mr. Jeffrey Parks
State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Water Rights
Water Quality Certification Program
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Mr. Parks:

As a customer of Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) and representing the business community of Tuolumne County, the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce is in strong support for the Mitigated Negative Declaration of PG&E's Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project. This project 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 entire community exhibited amazing 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 our community.

In short, the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce representing approximately 300 businesses who employ over 6,000 employees, ranging from our local hospital to real estate companies, to restaurants and lodging, enthusiastically supports this much-needed project relative to PG&E and Pinecrest Lake for the health and safety of Tuolumne County residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Michael Ayala
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