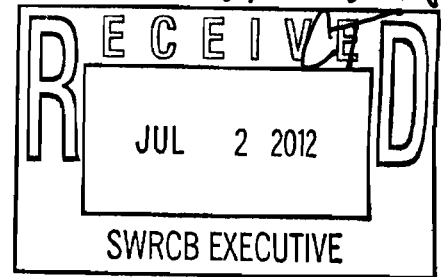




June 28, 2012

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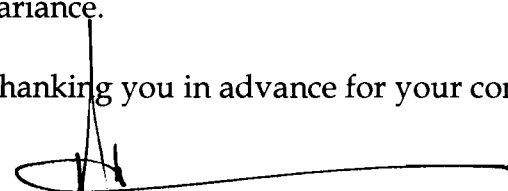
RE: *Tuolumne Utilities District Request for variance from State Water Resources Control Board Pinecrest Lake elevation on Labor Day 2012; Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2130*

Dear Mr. Howard:

Del Oro Water Company, whose Strawberry District is scheduled to receive emergency water from the Tuolumne Utilities District this year, strongly urges your consideration of the TUD and PGE request to lower the level of Pinecrest Lake from 5608 to 5606 by Labor Day. As our district has no other supply option and has exacerbated all other attempts to secure additional water, we face an extreme health and safety hazard without the TUD's assistance.

We ask for your agency's cooperation in the current drought year we are now experiencing as a failure to receive the emergency supply may cause severe water rationing and debilitating effects on the Strawberry community. Please use your discretion to approve the requested variance.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain,


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