

April 13, 2015

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:

My wife Nancy and I moved to Tuolumne County in July, 2013. We love it here, but we're very concerned about the ongoing drought. Last year we did our part to conserve water both inside and outside our home. We kept a bucket in the shower and close to the kitchen sink. In addition, we caught six trash containers full of rain water, which we used throughout the summer.

We are customers of Tuolumne Utilities District and we strongly support the Mitigated Negative Declaration of PG&E's Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project. This 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.

As previously mentioned, last year we joined with our community in water conservation efforts due to drought conditions facing our region. We feel that 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.

Sincerely,

Joseph Derdul

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Derdul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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