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Mr. Jeffrey Parks
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Dear Mr. Parks:

As CEO of Del Oro Water Company and its Strawberry District, a neighboring district and an emergency supply customer of Tuolumne Utilities District, our company is in strong support for the Mitigated Negative Declaration of PG&E's Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project. Del Oro cannot stress enough the need for PG&E's proposal to 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 residents that TUD be able to draw down Pinecrest Lake as described above for the water consumption needs and safety of the community.

Sincerely,


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