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Thomas Howard
State Water Resources Control Board
PO Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Subject: Request for Modification of State Water Resources Control Board Target Elevation for Pinecrest Lake by Labor Day; Spring-GapStanislaus Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project 2130

Dear Mr. Howard:

The Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce urges the State Water Resources Control Board to approve the modified lake level requested by PG&E and TUD for Pinecrest Lake in Tuolumne County. PG&E and TUD have provided significant and credible evidence to the Water Board regarding the need for this modified lake level in order to support our community into the future.

The Chamber is extremely concerned with the restrictions placed on the water supply for our community residences and businesses with the fixed Pinecrest Lake elevation of 5608. The capacity of Lyons Reservoir, which directly feeds our community, is not large enough to store water for the entire County through a dry summer season. During the high water use periods between the end of spill and Labor Day, water stored in Pinecrest Lake is the only source of supply available for our community.

The local economy and community of Tuolumne County relies on adequate water supply to support existing and future business, recreation, tourism and the general population. We ask that you consider the economic health of Tuolumne County along with the prioritization of human consumption in making your decision or recommendation to the State Board. Pinecrest Lake's water supply predictability and reliability can be achieved for TUD customers, PG&E, the State Board and recreation at the lake by approval of the modified lake level requested.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

George Segarini
President & CEO

cc: TUD
    Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors