

Parks, Jeff@Waterboards

From: Lisa Westbrook <lisaw@tuolumneutilities.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 9:50 AM
To: Parks, Jeff@Waterboards
Subject: Pinecrest: I have lost most of my fruit trees and some of my grapes last year due to the drought; I am not willing to lose more!

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Mr. Jeffrey Parks
State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Water Rights Water Quality Certification Program P.O. Box
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Dear Mr. Parks:

Last year due to the drought and a 50% mandate to reduce watering, I lost 8 fruit trees, many grape trees, 4 Japanese maples, and all my vegetable plants... I am not willing to lose more.

The state is so screwed up in a number of ways:

- 1- The population keeps increasing without thinking about the consequences
- 2- The state is not building reservoirs as it should. This should happen consistent with the population growth.

As a customer of Tuolumne Utilities District and of the community of Tuolumne County, I am in strong support for the Mitigated Negative Declaration of PG&E's Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project that 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 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 that TUD be able to draw down Pinecrest Lake as described above for the water consumption needs and safety of the community.

I AM NOT going to destroy my hard work and huge expenses in killing the rest of my vineyard, fruit trees, and vegetables this year.

If you have not thought about building more dams, and reducing the population of the state, then I suggest you better start pushing the brainless governor and politicians to start doing so.

Sincerely,

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