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I am writing in support of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and, by extension, the “Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project.”

As a resident of Tuolumne County for over 20 years, I know and deeply appreciate the value that Pinecrest provides to residents and visitors to the county and to the economy of our area. In an ideal world Pinecrest could be kept at – or even above – the 5608’ elevation throughout the summer season. In fact, this change may create more beach to enjoy – mitigating a complaint that is often heard throughout the summer when water levels are above 5608’.

However the current drought, as well as the prospect of continued and future droughts and water shortages as a result of climate change, make it essential that residents, businesses and agriculture in the county have an adequate supply of water to sustain our population. As the MND clearly states, “The objective of PG&E’s proposed project is not to increase the total water supply available to TUD [and by extension, to other water purveyors dependent upon TUD], but rather to create a more reliable supplemental water supply for TUD.”

Without a reliable water supply no civilization can exist. Most of the population of Tuolumne County is dependent on water which ultimately flows from or through Pinecrest. The relatively minor tradeoffs required by this change are far outweighed by its benefits, and I urge its adoption as quickly as possible.

Thank You!

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