



County of Tuolumne

Gary W Stockel

**Agricultural Commissioner • Weights & Measures
Animal Control • Air Pollution Control**

*Agricultural Commissioner
Director of Weights & Measures
Director of Animal Control
Air Pollution Control Officer*

**Agricultural
Commissioner
Weights & Measures
Air Pollution Control**

Located at:
22365 S Airport Rd.
Sonora, CA 95370
Phone: (209) 533-5691
Fax: (209) 533-5520
Email:
AgCommissioner@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov

Animal Control
Located at:
10040 Victoria Place
Jamestown, CA 95327
Phone: (209) 984-1338

All Mailing:
2 S. Green St.
Sonora, CA 95370

April 6, 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

Mr. Parks:

As an regulatory agency linked to the agricultural community of Tuolumne County, I am in strong support for the Tuolumne Utility District (TUD) 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 the agricultural, residential, industrial, and institutional community exhibited strong water conservation efforts due to drought conditions facing our region. It is essential for agriculture and 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,

Gary W. Stockel
Agricultural Commissioner
gstockel@co.tuolumne.ca.us