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To: TUD Customers & Property Owners

RE: Phoenix Lake Preservation & Restoration Project Status

Dear TUD Customer and/or Property Owner,

This letter is a notification of the status of the Phoenix Lake Preservation & Restoration Project. The project reached a milestone on November 14, 2017 with the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration by the District's Board as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The process leading to the adoption included extensive studies and research of the potential impacts to the environmental and cultural resources. The adoption of the document cleared the way for the District to apply for the necessary permits with State and Federal resource agencies, which include the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACOE), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and California State Water Resources Control Board. These applications were submitted in January of 2018 and are currently in review. Due to the complexity and nature of the project the District has been informed by the entities that an extensive review of the applications will be necessary. The District must acquire the permits prior to initiating the construction bidding process and contract award.

The District previously anticipated to bid and award the contract in the Spring of 2018 with construction starting Summer of 2018. The current anticipated contract award is **Spring 2019** with construction starting **Summer 2019**.

The District appreciates the community's interest and involvement with the project to help further improve the conservation, resiliency, and quality of our water. If you have any questions regarding the Phoenix Lake Preservation & Restoration Project please contact Chad Parsons P.E., Associate Engineer at 209-532-5536 x519 or cparsons@tudwater.com.

Thank you,

Chad Parsons P.E.
Associate Engineer