



# Phoenix Lake Vegetation Management

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## Notice to Residents

Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) wishes to notify our community that the management and removal of weeds, cattails, tules, or bulrushes from Phoenix Lake do not fall under our jurisdiction. These aquatic plants constitute a natural component of the lake's ecosystem, and their maintenance is conducted by other entities or property owners, as applicable.

## Who Owns the Lake?

The land below the high-water line in Phoenix Lake is owned by a variety of entities, including TUD, Homeowners Associations (HOAs), and individual private property owners.

## Can I Cut Down the Weeds?

Cutting or removing weeds, cattails, tules, or bulrushes from Phoenix Lake may be subject to regulations set by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the California State Water Resources Control Board (CSWRCB). These agencies manage environmental protections for aquatic habitats and may require permits or approvals for vegetation management. Contact CDFW or CSWRCB before taking any action to ensure compliance with relevant regulations.

## Importance of Maintaining Natural Balance

Preserving the natural balance of Phoenix Lake is crucial for both environmental sustainability and operational efficiency. TUD's primary focus is on managing water quality and supply. For inquiries regarding vegetation management, please reach out to the relevant local authorities, homeowners' associations, private property owners, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, or the California State Water Resources Control Board responsible for specific areas around the lake.

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