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**THE PINES RESORT AT BASS LAKE TURNS CRANE VALLEY DAM
SEISMIC MODIFICATION PROJECT INTO A POSITIVE SUMMER AMENITY**
Lowered lake level allows for expanded public beachfront recreation area

Bass Lake, Calif., April 16, 2009 – The Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) recent announcement that Bass Lake water levels will be lowered temporarily by 10 feet due to a seismic retrofit construction project on the Crane Valley Dam came to a surprise to the local community, including The Pines Resort. However, it did not take long for resort management to recognize that this inevitable community improvement project heeded a surprise benefit: an expanded public beachfront recreational area.

According to PG&E, property owner of Bass Lake and the Crane Valley Dam, a seismic retrofit to the dam is necessary as a public safety measure to mitigate potential downstream flooding during an earthquake. The 145-foot high dam was completed in 1911 and therefore does not meet modern technical and seismic safety standards. Because the expected completion date for this project is late-2010 to mid-2011, PG&E has approved an interim move to reduce the lake level by 10 feet from the maximum water pool.

The lowered lake level will result in more than 4,000 additional square feet of sandy beach area that fronts The Pines Resort's swimming pool, garden gazebo area and marina. "We view this temporary expansion of beachfront land as an unexpected bonus and are incorporating the new area as a focal point of our "Hot Fun in the Summertime" promotion," said Ava Hinojosa, Pines Resort Marketing Director.

The summer months are prime time for the year-round Pines Resort and several new "Hot Fun in the Summertime" recreational amenities will be introduced, including beach volleyball and badminton. The increased waterfront play area, ideal for sunning, picnicking, wading and strolling will likely be viewed favorably by guests and locals alike. Seasonal restaurants and snack bars offer full cocktail and food service and the popular Friday night Rock the Dock concert series begins June 12.

Water sports are the resort's recreational mainstay and Bass Lake Boat Rentals, located at The Pines, offers rental watercraft, fishing boats, water sports lessons and gear. The Pines Resort Marina will not see any disruption to water sports activities or boat rentals.

More information about the Crane Valley Dam seismic retrofit project is available at www.cranevalleydam.com or by calling 530-896-4535.

About The Pines Resort

Overlooking Central California's scenic Bass Lake, The Pines Resort is a year-round destination favorite with couples, families, corporate groups and sightseeing tours. The secluded mountain retreat, just 17 miles from the Southern gate of Yosemite National Park, offers deluxe lodging in waterfront suites and two-story chalets, fine dining and convivial lounges, full-service marina with watersports rentals, retail village and market, private lakefront wedding gazebo, tennis courts, swimming pools, spa and salon services.