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Auburn - The irrigation season will end five days early for seasonal irrigation water users in the Placer County Water Agency's Zone 1 and Zone 5 service areas, PCWA announced this week (Oct. 1).

John Kingsbury, the water agency's director of customer services, said seasonal water deliveries will cease on Wednesday, Oct 9. The PCWA irrigation season normally runs through Oct. 14.

The early closure is necessary to allow time for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to complete the first part of a two-year scheduled maintenance project at Wise Forebay. Maintenance outages are planned during the fall season when construction weather is good and demand for water begins to drop.

This year's work is expected to take five weeks and also will affect customers who receive raw water on a year-around basis. Rolling outages, with canals turned off every other day, are planned Oct. 13-Nov. 16.

Customers whose service will be affected during the rolling outages received notification last spring are being notified again, Kingsbury said.

Weather conditions and water demand will play a role in the agency's ability to supply water, said Kingsbury, who said the agency is encouraging customers to have water in storage and to reduce usage whenever possible. Some "no water" conditions are anticipated, he said.

"We are making every effort to stretch the limited supply," Kingsbury said. "We appreciate our customers' patience and cooperation."

For information, contact the PCWA Customer Service Center at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030.