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Auburn - With completion of the American River permanent pump station project apparently delayed until mid-2005, the Placer County Water Agency is trying to stretch existing water supplies to meet the demands of new customers in western Placer County's lower Zone 1 service area.

The water agency's Board of Directors held a study session this week (Oct. 29) to review PCWA's ability to commit water supplies over the next two to three years to new customers in western Placer County.

The long-planned permanent pump station, when completed at an estimated cost of \$30 million, will add system reliability and supply up to 30,000 acre-feet of water to the agency. Until last month, agency officials had hoped to have the pumps in operation by the summer of 2004 but the project has been delayed by a variety of federal and state agency approval processes and legal issues.

About 30 people, including representatives from local government, agriculture, the community and building industry, attended the two-hour workshop at the PCWA Business Center in Auburn, sharing facts and information on water needs and supplies.

Directors continued the workshop to their next regular board meeting at which time they will review additional information and alternatives for allotting water service to new customers.

The next meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Placer County Board of Supervisors chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, in Auburn. PCWA board meetings are open to the public.