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**PCWA Asks Customers
to Limit Water Use**

Auburn - With maintenance work under way on canals that carry water to its service areas, the Placer County Water Agency is reminding customers to limit all nonessential use of water.

Each fall, customers are asked to conserve water while the Pacific Gas and Electric Company performs annual maintenance on its canal delivery systems. PCWA relies on PG&E for its source water supplies.

This year, PG&E is working on the Bear River and Wise canals. Work began on Oct. 19 and is planned through Nov. 22.

Major maintenance work is normally planned in the fall season, when demand for water is lower and weather remains good for construction activity. However, so far this year the unseasonably warm weather for this time period has kept demands higher than usual which taxes the limited supplies.

PCWA is asking for voluntary conservation among customers because only a limited amount of rerouted and bypassed water can be supplied during the canal outages.

Nonessential uses of water that can be postponed during the outage include watering of lawns and grass, washing of vehicles, driveway and surface hosing, construction use and pool or pond filling.

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Customers who receive winter irrigation water service should expect rolling canal outages that will be more extensive than those of last year's maintenance outage. Rolling outages of one or two days are expected this year.

PCWA Director of Customer Services John Kingsbury said the water agency has distributed more than 4100 letters and flyers and has called many larger users in its effort to promote conservation.

Customer support, water demand and weather conditions all will be important factors in the agency's ability to supply water during the maintenance work, Kingsbury said.

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