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Auburn - The Placer County Water Agency has been very successful this year in obtaining millions of dollars in federal funding for local and regional water resource projects.

“This has been our best year ever,” said Jeff Fedorchak, a Fairfax, Virginia-based government relations consultant, who has provided legislative advocacy services to PCWA for several years.

Fedorchak’s remarks came Monday (Dec. 1) during a year-end presentation to the PCWA Board of Directors. He summarized this year’s accomplishments and offered a look at funding opportunities in the years ahead.

Among the accomplishments:

- assistance in obtaining \$17.2 million in federal funding for the American River Pump Station and keeping the project on schedule
- a \$10 million authorization for the Sacramento River diversion study
- a \$4.1 million appropriation for the Sacramento River diversion study
- \$1.5 million in funding for canal lining and meter retrofit projects
- water rights “area of origin” language protection in House legislation
- an authorization of \$85 million in Water Resource Development Act funding to be used over several years for water efficiency programs in Placer and El Dorado counties

“You have much to be proud of,” said Fedorchak, who complimented PCWA staff members for their work and support to his firm in gaining the funding commitments.

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Areas of focus for the coming year include full funding for the American River Pump Station, a continued emphasis on protection of local area of origin water rights, further appropriations for canal lining and meter retrofit work and the protection of current funding authorizations.

PCWA Board Chairman Mike Lee called Fedorchak's presentation "a great report card" for the agency's team effort. "It's been a banner year for us," Lee said.