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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Auburn - Otis Wollan, a Colfax resident and director of District V, has been elected by his fellow directors as 2004 chairman of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors.

Wollan, who was elected to office in 1987 and is the board's senior member, succeeds District IV representative Mike Lee of Loomis who served as chairman in 2003.

Pauline Roccucci, of Roseville, who represents District I, was elected as the board's vice chair for 2004. District II Director Alex Ferreira of Lincoln and District III Director Lowell Jarvis of Ophir complete the five-member PCWA board.

The election of officers took place Thursday (Dec. 18) during the PCWA board's final regular meeting of 2003.

In other business, directors:

- unanimously approved a 1.9 percent increase in the Water Connection Charge for new treated water services in Zone 1, effective Jan. 1. The adjustment is based on the December 2003 Engineering Record construction cost index for San Francisco. The charge for a standard 5/8-inch water meter connection will rise to \$8122 in most of Zone 1 and to \$9141 in areas served by the Bowman and Auburn water treatment plants.
- heard an update from Director of Planning Services Mal Toy on an anticipated \$554,500 state grant for sedimentation studies on the North Fork American

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- River. PCWA, Sierra College and other local agencies are working together on the grant, which is expected to win state approval in the next few months.
- held a one-hour visioning workshop with meeting facilitator Steve Barber, covering a wide range of water-related topics from local growth to government regulation and global warming. The session was the first of five strategic planning workshops planned through March.
 - applauded PCWA General Manager David A. Breninger, who on Dec. 9 was named Water Statesperson of the Year by the Sacramento Regional Water Authority. The RWA is a joint powers authority representing 22 water purveyors in the greater Sacramento area.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 3 p.m. on Jan. 8 at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn. PCWA board meetings are open to the public.