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(Photos of Kathleen Smith are available by e-mail. Please contact Dave Carter at the above telephone number or at ncnews@sbcglobal.net)

Auburn - Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on Thursday (June 24) recognized agency employee Kathleen A. Smith, who is leaving the agency to assume the position of Nevada County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters.

Smith, Clerk to the PCWA Board of Directors for the past four years, was selected for the Clerk-Recorder position by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors. She succeeds retiring Nevada County Clerk-Recorder Lorraine Jewett-Burdick.

In her new position, Smith will administer Nevada County voter registration and elections and the recordation and preservation of official documents and vital records. She will supervise a permanent staff of 15.

Before joining PCWA, Smith served 11 years, including two elected terms as City Clerk, in Crescent City, Del Norte County, California.

“Kathleen is an excellent administrator with high ethical standards and diverse professional expertise,” said PCWA General Manager David Breninger. “She understands and appreciates the importance of nonpartisan local government and service to the public. We wish her well as she makes this important step in her career.”

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Smith will leave PCWA June 30 and assume her new position in Nevada County on July 1. "I look forward to serving the Nevada County community as its chief elections official and working with the Board of Supervisors and Management Team to meet the interests of Nevada County residents," said Smith.

In other business at the adjourned board meeting, held Thursday afternoon at the PCWA Business Center, directors:

- finalized a \$102,000 contract with Brown & Caldwell, Inc. of Sacramento for preparation of phase one of an integrated water resource plan for western Placer County and to update in a 2005 PCWA's existing Urban Water Management Plan.

- toured the agency's 35-acre site on Ophir Road near Newcastle west of Auburn where the agency will construct a new pump station and water treatment plant.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors begins at 8:30 a.m. on July 1 at the PCWA Business Center in Auburn. After a few business matters, the board will travel to Tahoe City to consider eastern Placer County water issues.

PCWA Board meetings are open to the public.