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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

*Auburn* - Directors of the Placer County Water Agency met on Thursday (Sept. 16) and approved a water supply agreement with the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) and the City of Lincoln.

Scheduled for approval next week by the NID Board of Directors and the Lincoln City Council, the agreement climaxes a collaborative effort to provide drinking water to the growing Lincoln area that is within the NID boundary.

NID, based in Grass Valley, Nevada County, is responsible for water delivery to a 66,500-acre region within Placer County. This includes portions of the City of Lincoln. There are overlapping areas within the City that are within NID boundaries and PCWA Zone 1. It is in the overlapping areas that the three entities have worked out a collaborative agreement.

NID currently supplies only irrigation water to portions of Lincoln. PCWA has capacity to treat and supply drinking water to the City including that portion within NID's boundary.

Under the new agreement, NID will supply raw water to PCWA. The agency in turn will treat and supply that water to Lincoln to serve those areas within the NID boundaries of the City.

The agreement is expected to remain in effect while NID studies and develops treated water infrastructure alternatives for the Lincoln area.

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In other business, the PCWA board:

- heard an update from Rick Johnson, program coordinator for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, on the bureau's efforts to gain full funding for the current American River Pump Station and river restoration project. Johnson said full federal funding for the Phase II river restoration may be three years away.

- approved a \$127,750 engineering services contract with MWH Americas, Inc. for flood control studies, conceptual designs and cost estimates on the L.L. Anderson Dam at French Meadows Reservoir.

- approved a request from the California American Water Co. for water supplies to 88.5 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) in the Willow Park subdivision off Cook Riolo Road. The water will be wheeled through the City of Roseville.

- heard a presentation by Kent Frame, senior land and water use scientist with the California Irrigation Management Information System, and approved installation of a CIMIS weather station on PCWA property off Ophir Road. The CIMIS statewide network provides real time weather data that helps farmers, ranchers, landscapers and others with efficient irrigation.

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