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Auburn - NORTHSTAR, Placer County -- Directors of the Placer County Water Agency considered water issues of the Truckee-Lake Tahoe area on Thursday (Oct. 21) in a meeting with eastern Placer County water purveyors.

Based in the county seat of Auburn, PCWA has countywide water resource responsibilities and administers a financial assistance program that helps local water companies and districts with planning and other needs.

Meeting Thursday at the Northstar Community Services District administrative center, the PCWA board heard presentations from the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Squaw Valley Public Service District, North Tahoe Public Utility District and PCWA staff.

Rick Lierman, general manager of the Squaw Valley PSD, described his district's stepped-up efforts to conserve water through public education, reduction of system losses and restructured rates. He reported that the district's new administrative center/fire station near the valley entrance is scheduled for completion later this year.

Steve Rogers, who was appointed general manager of the North Tahoe PUD in July, introduced himself to the board and described the district's activities in providing water and sewer service and operating recreational facilities and a conference center. He said the district is working to upgrade aging infrastructure in its service areas.

Scott Finley, executive officer of the Placer County LAFCO, explained the commission's recent completion of a Municipal Service Review, which looks at all the

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public services in the eastern Placer area, including cross-county services with Truckee and Nevada County. He said the review will aid local agencies in their future service and sphere of influence planning.

Brian Martin, PCWA director of technical services, updated the board on water system master planning for the eastern county. He said PCWA, which now supplies about 500 customers in the Martis Valley, would provide water service to about 2000 customers if four current land development projects are eventually built.

Mal Toy, PCWA director of resource development, gave a progress report on the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA), which is now in draft form and being circulated for public review. Toy said the plan provides more efficiency and flexibility in river and reservoir operations while meeting water needs in California and Nevada.

Directors also approved a request from the Talmont Resort Improvement District, which provides water service on the west shore of Lake Tahoe, to transfer earlier grant funding of \$25,000 for a pump station to the construction of a new well.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 3 p.m. on Nov. 4 in the Placer County Board of Supervisors chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, in Auburn. PCWA board meetings are open to the public.

PCWA directors usually meet twice annually in eastern Placer County, traveling to various locations around the area to meet with local officials.