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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

*Auburn* - The Placer County Water Agency has received an annual allocation of electrical power from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA).

Obtained through the Northern California Power Association, the new source of electricity was announced at Thursday's (Nov. 4) meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors.

PCWA Director of Strategic Affairs Einar Maisch said the agency successfully obtained 0.039 percent of the WAPA Central Valley Project total, which will provide about 1.5 million kilowatt hours of energy.

The WAPA power allotment will result in a savings to PCWA of \$45,000 or more per year for the 20-year contract period, Maisch reported. The agency pays about \$1 million per year for energy needs, said Director of Financial Service Joseph Parker.

In other business, directors:

- approved annexation of the 21-parcel Itchy Acres annexation in Granite Bay into the PCWA Zone 1 service area. Property owners sought the annexation to obtain irrigation water service.

- approved annexation of 18 parcels in the Millertown Water Association off Millertown Road west of Auburn into the Zone 1 service area. The annexation is part of a project to extend treated water lines to 50 parcels in the neighborhood.

- agreed to hold a workshop at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at the PCWA Business Center to discuss future water service to proposed large land developments in the western part of the county, including the De LaSalle University proposal.

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The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Nov. 18 in the Placer County Board of Supervisors chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, in Auburn. PCWA board meetings are open to the public.