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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Auburn - The proposed Hopkins Ranch development in eastern Placer County will be annexed into the Placer County Water Agency's Zone 4 service area, under action taken Thursday (Nov. 18) by the PCWA Board of Directors.

Hopkins Ranch is a planned recreational development of 58 homes and a golf course on 280 acres in the Martis Valley, off Highway 267 south of Truckee. PCWA currently supplies well water to the adjacent Lahontan community and plans to extend service to Hopkins Ranch, which lies directly to the north.

In other business, directors:

- approved a project to add a second 100,000-gallon treated water storage tank to the Alta community water system. The tank will be located on PCWA property near the existing water treatment plant and tank.
- approved a project to add a new 100,000-gallon backwash tank at the Bowman Water Treatment Plant above Auburn. Director of Technical Services Brian Martin said the tank would streamline the water production process at the plant.
- approved a contract under the agency's Financial Assistance Program granting \$15,000 to the Foresthill Public Utility District for a water feasibility study of the Yankee Jims area.
- approved a contract under the agency's Financial Assistance Program granting \$5,700 to the Squaw Valley Public Service District for a groundwater recharge investigation.

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- approved a letter to the Placer County Planning Director which addresses future water development in western Placer County and in particular the De LaSalle University project. Directors reiterated the agency's position that development should rely on surface water and use groundwater only for backup and emergency purposes.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 3 p.m. on Dec. 2 in the Placer County Board of Supervisors chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, in Auburn. PCWA board meetings are open to the public