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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Auburn - The Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors will host a reception on Monday (Jan. 31) to commemorate 30 years of governance and leadership in local water resources.

Members of the public and community leaders will gather for comments and refreshments, beginning at 5:15 p.m., in the American River Room at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn.

PCWA, the state's first county water agency, was formed by the state legislature in 1957. In January of 1975 the county Board of Supervisors took action to authorize the water agency to have a separately and independently-elected Board of Directors. Until that time, county supervisors had served as directors of the water agency.

The first PCWA Board of Directors took office Jan. 16, 1975 and included Edwin Koster, Ross Riolo, James Norman, Edward Horton and Roy Ruhkala.

Two members of the current PCWA Board of Directors, Alex Ferreira and Mike Lee, were on the Placer County Board of Supervisors in 1975 when the Placer County Water Agency Act was amended to create the new elected board. Ferreira was elected to the PCWA board in 1998; Lee in 2000.

Other current members of the PCWA Board of Directors are Board Chair Pauline Roccucci, Lowell Jarvis and Otis Wollan.

Before the reception, PCWA directors will host a strategic planning workshop, beginning at 3 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.