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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Auburn - Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on Thursday (May 5) approved annexation of the 475-acre Eaglewood development in eastern Placer County into the PCWA Zone 4 water service area.

The development, with 462 residential units and an 18-hole golf course, is located off Highway 267 in the Martis Valley. It is situated adjacent to the Lahontan development, which is already supplied by PCWA.

The board reviewed and opened a public hearing on the annexation application on Mar. 17. The public hearing was continued to this week's meeting but no speakers were in attendance.

Plans for the Eaglewood development were approved last November by the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

In other business, the PCWA board:

- heard a progress report on the integrated water resource plan for Placer County being prepared for the agency by Brown & Caldwell Environmental Engineers and Consultants. Spokesman Paul Selsky said completion is anticipated in two months.

- agreed to forward a water supply assessment letter to the County of Placer regarding the proposed De La Salle University and Community Specific Plan project in western Placer County. The letter outlines surface water sources that could supply the 1100-acre area and says groundwater should be used only as a backup or emergency source.

- authorized staff to collaborate with other water agencies and stakeholders in

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seeking grant funding for an integrated water resource management planning project for the American, Cosumnes and Yuba/Bear river watersheds. The application is expected to be filed this month.

- heard a monthly progress report on the \$34 million American River Pump Project. The first phase of the project, including the new pump station, is scheduled for completion in 2006, while the second phase, which includes the river diversion and intake, is scheduled for 2007. The federal Bureau of Reclamation is still facing budgetary shortfalls on the project, it was reported.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held on May 19. The board will convene at the PCWA Business Center in Auburn and then travel to the Squaw Valley Public Service District in Olympic Valley to consider water issues of eastern Placer County. Meeting times will be announced. PCWA board meetings are open to the public.