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## PCWA Refinances Debt; Saves Nearly \$3.7 Million

*AUBURN* -- The Placer County Water Agency has refinanced \$35.2 million of its long-term debt, reducing current annual debt service and resulting in an overall net present value savings of \$3.68 million.

“The Board of Directors is very pleased with the efforts of our staff and financial team,” said PCWA Board Chair Pauline Roccucci. “This achievement will result in a savings to the agency of more than \$300,000 per year.”

The PCWA board on Mar. 31 authorized staff to pursue the refinancing in order to take advantage of today’s favorable interest rates. The new financial program was finalized on May 11.

The refinanced debt is in the form of certificates of participation (COPs) issued by the agency in 1995 and 1999 to finance major water system improvements, including expansion of the Foothill Water Treatment Plant in Newcastle.

PCWA Director of Financial Services Joseph Parker noted that the savings amounts to more 10 percent of the par amount of the refinanced debt, which will be repaid at lower interest rates over the next 24 years.

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Parker assembled a refinancing team including members of the water agency's financial staff, legal counsel from Sacramento and San Francisco, financial advisers from Los Angeles and a Wall Street investment bank.

"The refinancing team did an excellent job in getting us into the market in time to capture very favorable interest rates. Any delay might have resulted in a missed opportunity," Parker said.

PCWA is Placer County's largest water supplier, serving more than 35,000 domestic and irrigation water users in both eastern and western Placer County. The agency is based in Auburn.