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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PCWA Opens Public Outreach Process on Middle Fork Relicensing

AUBURN -- The Placer County Water Agency invites and welcomes interested citizens, organizations and agencies to an introductory and orientation meeting on the agency's plans to successfully obtain a new federal license for the Agency's Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project.

The meeting—the first in a planned Stakeholder Public Outreach Process—will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 25, at the Auburn Recreation District's Canyon View Community Center at 471 Maidu Drive in Auburn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Sierra Room.

Those attending the meeting will have the opportunity to meet the PCWA relicensing team, learn about the Middle Fork Project and hear a briefing and overview of the federal process the agency will be following for renewal of its hydroelectric license.

To aid in planning, the agency is asking attendees to RSVP. Reservations may be made at the agency's Relicensing Project website, <http://relicensing.pcwa.net>, by emailing relicensing@pcwa.net, or by calling the agency at (530) 823-4889.

Additional meetings in the Stakeholder Outreach Process are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 16 & 17 and June 20 & 21. An evening meeting is planned for

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May 23, 6:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and will be held at the ARD Canyon View Community Center. For directions to the meeting location, contact the agency.

PCWA built the Middle Fork Project in the 1960s under a 50-year federal license that runs through February 2013. The project includes five hydroelectric power plants and seven dams with the two largest being at French Meadows Reservoir and Hell Hole Reservoir in Placer County's American River watershed. The agency-owned and operated project stores 342,000 acre-feet of water and generates an average 1 billion kilowatt-hours of energy per year.

For further information on the agency's federal relicensing process, contact Mal Toy, Director of Resource Development, at the PCWA Business Center in Auburn.