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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Auburn - Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on Thursday (Aug. 3) reiterated their policy position that groundwater beneath western Placer County should be preserved for backup and emergency use.

Directors addressed the public policy issue during a discussion with Kyriakos Tsakopoulos, president of KT Communities, Inc. of Roseville, proponent of the 1100-acre Regional University and Community Project in the western county.

Tsakopoulos said his firm plans to construct the water system infrastructure needed to connect the project to the public water system but that he wants to keep groundwater in his planning equation.

"We realize the intentions of the county and the agency but we need to keep all of the options on the table," he said. "We need to see a facilities agreement that makes the project feasible."

PCWA Board Chairman Alex Ferreira said the water agency has sufficient surface water to supply the project once the developer installs the necessary pipelines and facilities to the site.

"This is something everyone has to do," the board chairman said. "We have to respond like we would to any other developer."

Directors authorized staff to develop a draft agreement that would recognize the agency's policy and developer's concerns while documenting the offsite water system improvements that would be required.

Prior to the discussion, PCWA Director of Strategic Affairs Einar Maisch clarified

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that the project proponent is KT Communities, Inc. and not AKT Development, Inc., the Sacramento firm owned by Kyriakos' father, Angelo Tsakopoulos. PCWA had referred to AKT in previous letters and news releases.

In other business, PCWA directors:

- learned from legal counsel Ed Tiedemann that under a recent California Supreme Court interpretation of Prop. 218, the water agency will have to mail advance notice of any proposed water rate increases to the owners of all properties served by the agency. The agency plans to mail the notices in September for water rate adjustments that may be considered in November.

- held over to their next meeting the final approval of an agreement with the federal Bureau of Reclamation covering the contribution of local funds to the current American River Pump Station Project.

- agreed to a request from the City of Lincoln to defer until June, 2007 the delivery of water and related charges to serve 1,000 equivalent dwelling units as called for in a previous agreement. City officials said the water is not expected to be needed this year.

- supported a staff recommendation to fund four new employment positions with the agency; an electrician, right-of-way technician, maintenance worker and water distribution operator. The positions are expected to be filled this fall.

- approved minor amendments to the rules and procedures that are followed during PCWA Board of Directors meetings.

The board next meets in adjourned session beginning at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn. PCWA board meetings are open to the public.

Information on PCWA board meetings may be obtained through the Clerk to the Board at (530) 823-4850.