



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

*Auburn* - More than 700 feet of the Gold Run Pipeline, a key water source for central and western Placer County, has been replaced in a current project of the Placer County Water Agency.

The work is under way along a piped section of the Boardman Canal, located just off Interstate 80 as the canal passes through the small community of Gold Run. Portions of the project are in rough and difficult terrain.

PCWA Director of Field Services Mike Nichol said Monday (Oct. 16) that the work represents the first half of a total 1400 feet of the old line the agency plans to replace with new 36-inch ductile iron pipe before winter.

PCWA has placed a high priority on improving the Gold Run Pipeline and the downstream Secret Town Pipeline, two key sections of the Boardman Canal, which is the primary water source for the area between Alta and Bowman, and serves as a backup raw water supply for the Auburn-Bowman area.

Over the next two years, the water agency plans to replace all of the old Techite pipe in the two lines. Techite, a fiberglass wrapped type of pipe installed before PCWA obtained the water system, has proven to be failure-prone.

This year, improvements to the Gold Run Pipeline are budgeted at \$1.2 million. The work is financed primarily through the water agency's renewal and replacement charge.

Beginning October 16 and through November 5, PCWA begins its annual maintenance schedule repair work on a variety of canals.

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Questions about the maintenance schedule and periodic outages of when work will be performed may be directed to the PCWA Customer Service Center at (530) 823-4850.