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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Auburn -- Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on Thursday (Oct. 19) reviewed a proposed 2007 Water Systems budget of \$31 million.

General Manager David Breninger said the balanced budget calls for careful management of expenses while allowing the agency to pursue three of its top priorities: 1) improvement of the aging water system infrastructure, 2) preserving water quality and, 3) maintaining high levels of customer service.

"We continue to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to us," said Breninger.

In an overview of the budget, PCWA Director of Financial Services Joseph H. Parker underscored various economic factors that are affecting the water agency.

He said costs for materials such as concrete, asphalt, steel, chemicals, and pipe used by the water agency are up substantially.

A public hearing on the proposed 2007 Budget has been scheduled for 2 p.m. on Nov. 16 in the Placer County Board of Supervisors chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, in Auburn.

Director Otis Wollan, former Chair and a Board member for 19 years noted the Agency has had to raise rates annually. The Agency has always been fiscally frugal and has a long history of having a balanced budget.

Directors Lowell Jarvis and Mike Lee served through 2006 on the Finance Committee and brought a balanced budget forward for Board approval. They worked throughout the year with escalating costs to continue to have a balanced budget.

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Members of the Board congratulated the agency staff for their work in developing the budget.

In other business, directors:

- learned that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is planning to return for a second year to a PCWA site in Foresthill where it is conducting a weather research project.
- heard a report from Director of Administrative Services Valerie Lord on efforts to partner with Sierra College in a work force development and continuing education program.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 2 in the Placer County Board of Supervisors chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, 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 or at www.pcwa.net.