



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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

*Auburn* – Directors of the Placer County Water Agency met on Monday (Feb. 26) to review plans to celebrate the Agency's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary later this year. The Board received a presentation by Michele McCormick of MMC Communications who is assisting the Agency in developing a long term community outreach and education program for the Agency as well as for the Agency's Middle Fork Project relicensing process.

The Board heard a report from legal counsel Janet Goldsmith on Sacramento Water Forum discussions to update six-year old Best Management Practices (BMPs) on water use efficiency and conservation. Director of Customer Services John Kingsbury reported that PCWA has met all regionally agreed upon BMPs. The Board directed staff to assist in developing the next round of regional water efficiency goals.

The Board heard a report from Power System Manger Steve Jones on major work planned on the Agency's hydroelectric project this year. In particular, Jones reported on a \$25 million surge shaft repair project and a proposed replacement bridge across Duncan Creek.

The meeting began with Board recognition of General Manager David Breninger for his fifteen (15) years of service to the Water Agency.

Breninger is the fifth General Manager to serve PCWA and he is the longest to service in this capacity. The Board recognized him for his development of Agency staff and a management team that has elevated PCWA into a strong service agency and leadership role over the water and hydroelectric power resources important to Placer County.

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The Board acknowledged Breninger for his active participation to advocate and represent the interests of PCWA locally, regionally, state wide and nationally. Breninger serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). He is Chairman of ACWA's Local Government Committee. He serves on the Board of the National Water Resources Association. He serves on the Board of the Regional Water Authority (RWA). RWA recognized him in 2003 as the regional Water Statesperson of the Year. Breninger attends many local meetings, is an Auburn Rotarian and resides with his wife Linda in Roseville.

Board Chairman Lowell Jarvis, on behalf of the Board, presented an Agency service pin and clock to Breninger in recognition of his fifteen years of service to the Water Agency.

The five General Managers who have served PCWA include: John Bernard 1957-1971, Robert Johnston 1972-1973, Bill Grant 1974-1983, Ed Schnabel 1983-1991 and David Breninger 1992-present.

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General Manager David Breninger, left, is honored for 15 years of service to PCWA by Chairman Lowell Jarvis, right.