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*AUBURN* -- Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on Thursday (May 1) offered assurances to the City of Roseville that adequate surface water supplies are readily available from PCWA's Middle Fork Project to meet all of Roseville's surface water needs this year.

The board's discussion was prompted by the city's action on Wednesday (Apr. 30) to activate a Stage 1 Drought Alert in Roseville.

The city's action, among other things, requests all city water customers to voluntarily reduce their water use by 10%. The city declaration followed notice of a 25% reduction in water deliveries to the city from the federal Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Project.

The overall net "shortage" to Roseville without additional water from PCWA would be 1,200 acre-feet or 3% of the city's needs of 35,600 acre-feet for 2008, accordingly to Ed Kriz, City Water Utility Manager, who attended the agency Board meeting.

PCWA General Manager David Breninger reported that surface water supplies available from the agency's Middle Fork Project are more than adequate to meet the needs of all agency retail and wholesale customers this year.

"The City of Roseville has a long-standing wholesale water purchase contract with PCWA for surface water supplies and it includes provisions for emergencies to meet 'shortage' conditions such as the city is facing now," said Breninger.

Einar Maisch, PCWA's director of strategic affairs, explained that existing wholesale water contracts between the agency and city allow the City of Roseville to

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purchase up to 30,000 acre-feet of water from PCWA, far more than the 1,200 acre-foot “shortage” the city anticipates as a result of the Bureau’s reduction this year.

Directors authorized a letter to the city that PCWA stands ready to assist city officials in resolving their projected 1,200 acre-foot “shortage” this year should the city desire to do so.

In other business, directors:

- learned that federal legislation authored by Congressman John Doolittle on behalf of the agency to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station from the Bureau of Reclamation to PCWA has been approved by the Senate and House and awaits the President’s signature.

- heard an update on PCWA’s ongoing Middle Fork American River Project federal relicensing program. Director of Resource Development Mal Toy and Environmental Scientist Ben Ransom outlined a series of studies that will be included in a study plan to be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The water agency’s project is schedule for license renewal in 2013.

- heard an energy efficiency presentation from George Wheeldon, Vice-Chairman and Division 4 Director of the Placerville-based El Dorado Irrigation District. Wheeldon introduced EID’s new energy efficiency initiative, outlined the district’s approach to water planning in a changing climate, and discussed a number of energy saving programs that have been implemented.

- redefined the term “multiple dwelling” in the agency’s rules and regulations to eliminate the term “granny flats” and reclassify them as residential accessory uses that do not require payment of an additional water connection charge.

- approved three financial assistance grants totaling \$35,000 for 2008.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on May 15 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.