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AUBURN -- The Placer County Water Agency has made significant progress in improving the efficiency of its water conveyance systems, as well as in helping water customers save water in their homes and businesses.

This is a conclusion of a presentation offered Thursday (Feb. 19) to the PCWA Board of Directors by John Kingsbury, the agency's director of customer services.

Kingsbury outlined the agency's 10-point Water Efficiency Program, which includes a range of programs to improve the efficient use of water.

"The agency's home visit Water Audit Program, in which water agency staff visits customers' homes on request to offer recommendations for water savings, has been well received with 860 home surveys completed in 2008," Kingsbury noted. "Agricultural water users take advantage of special irrigation management programs," he said.

PCWA's commitment to efficient use of water resources has made it the first water purveyor in the region to achieve all of the best management practices called for by the Sacramento Water Forum of which the agency is a member.

For information on PCWA water efficiency programs, customers may call the PCWA Customer Services Center at (530) 823-4850 or see www.pcwa.net.

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In other business, directors:

- discussed water supply planning for this year with Derrick Whitehead of the City of Roseville and Shauna Lorance of the San Juan Water District, both of whom said they have learned from the Bureau of Reclamation that they may see limited access to water due to low levels in Folsom Reservoir. Directors asked staff to work with the agencies on plans to supplement their supplies with PCWA water if needed.

- heard a presentation on planning and housing in the City of Colfax from City Manager Joan Phillipe and Planning Director Gary Price. PCWA Director of Technical Services Brian Martin said the agency has sufficient capacity at its Colfax Water Treatment Plant to meet the city's water needs.

- offered to work with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) in the statewide group's effort to shape solutions to water issues of the California Delta. Board Chairman Gray Allen and General Manager David A. Breninger said it is imperative that PCWA protect its area-of-origin water rights as downstream interests seek more water for the Delta and beyond.

In a final item, General Manager David A. Breninger announced that agency legal counsel Edward J. Tiedemann will mark his 50th anniversary of working with the agency later this month.

Mr. Tiedemann will be recognized for his years of service in a special ceremony planned as part of the board's next regular meeting on Mar. 5. The meeting begins at 2 p.m. and the recognition ceremony is planned at 4 p.m. PCWA board meetings are held at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn, and are open to the public.

Information on PCWA board meetings is available through the Clerk to the Board at (530) 823-4850.