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AUBURN -- Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on Thursday (Aug. 6) reviewed and discussed six proposed state legislative bills that could adversely impact water suppliers upstream of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta which includes Placer County.

Directors expressed strong opposition to any State legislation that would reduce protection of PCWA's area of origin water rights that imposes added costs upon the agency and customers or places State mandates on the use of water by agency water customers. The bills are part of a package of water regulatory and Delta governance measures being advanced by the Governor and leaders of the Legislature.

General Manager Breninger stated, "The State's attempt to impose legislative authority and restrictions on local water resources follows the all too familiar pattern of their ill-advised and highly ill-fated decision in 1996 to impose legislative authority over energy de-regulation in California."

PCWA is submitting a letter in opposition to the bills that have adverse impact upon the interests and rights of the agency and PCWA customers.

The bills will be heard on August 18 at a joint Assembly and Senate Committee meeting.

In other business, directors:

- took final action on a one-time, temporary sale of water to the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA).

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The water will be released from PCWA's Middle Fork American River Project reservoirs where water storage levels are near average for this time of year. The sale will not affect water supplies to any PCWA water customers.

The agreement transfers 20,000 acre-feet of Agency water to be delivered during August and September.

The Directors' action this week approved an agreement with the SDCWA, the California Department of Water Resources and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, all of whom are involved at one point or another in transporting the water. Directors also approved an indemnification agreement with SDCWA to protect PCWA once the water has been moved beyond the Agency's control at Folsom Lake.

- heard a report from Director of Financial Services Joseph Parker, who said the State of California is expected to borrow \$2 billion dollars from local governments' property tax revenues as part of a State budget deal to correct a \$24 billion State deficit. Parker said it remains unclear how much revenue could be lost to the agency.

- approved a \$34,943 contract with Eco:Logic Engineering of Rocklin for the preparation of a joint water system master plan for public and private water suppliers located around the north shore of Lake Tahoe in Placer County.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Aug. 20 at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn. PCWA board meetings are open to the public.

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