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## NEWS RELEASE

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*AUBURN* -- Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on Thursday (July 1) awarded a \$1.36 million construction contract for the second phase of a project to develop a new headquarters and facilities center for PCWA's Power System in Foresthill, California.

Successful bidder on the project was S.W. Allen Construction, Inc. of Sacramento, which is also completing the first phase of the project. The first phase has included building and interior remodeling of a former manufacturing plant at the old Foresthill mill site. The second phase includes grading, fencing, vehicle fueling and washing stations and other site improvements.

The company's bid was actually the second lowest among five bids received by the water agency. The low bidding firm requested that its bid be withdrawn because a mathematical error had altered its total, said Deputy Director of Technical Services Brent Smith.

The PCWA board voted to relieve the low bidder of its obligation, award a contract to S.W. Allen and to approve a budget amendment for project funding.

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In other business, PCWA directors:

- heard an update from Director of Strategic Affairs Einar Maisch and governmental affairs consultant Jason Larrabee on the agency's continuing effort to reduce the land use fees it must pay to the federal government for the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project. They said the agency is seeking legislative relief for fees that have jumped from \$280,000 to \$800,000 per year over the past two years.

- approved a \$250 stewardship grant to Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead (SARSAS) to help sponsor the "Calling Back the Salmon Celebration," on Oct. 23 at McBean Park in Lincoln.

- welcomed Matt Young, who joined the agency June 28 as its new Deputy Director of Customer Services. Young comes to Placer County from Utah where he worked for 13 years. Young holds BS and MPA degrees from Brigham Young University and comes to the agency from The City of Provo where he was employed as assistant customer services manager.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 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 or (800) 464-0030.