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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Water Project at Pacific Heights Apartments in Auburn

AUBURN -- The Placer County Water Agency is preparing to relocate a section of a water pipeline that runs through property of a south Auburn apartment complex.

The Boardman Pipeline Relocation Project will relocate an existing 800-foot-long underground line beneath the Pacific Heights Apartments complex. The new and relocated pipeline is 875 feet and will be underground along Meadowlark Lane, Pacific Avenue and Sacramento Streets.

PCWA Deputy Director of Technical Services Brent Smith said, "Many years ago the Boardman Canal ran through the then undeveloped property. When the owner wanted to build on the property, the canal section was encased in pipe."

He adds, "The aging pipe does not lie directly beneath any of the apartment buildings but runs beneath the landscaped areas of the complex and is inaccessible for proper repair and maintenance."

"Once the new and relocated pipeline has been installed, the old portion of the canal under the Pacific Heights Apartments will be filled in with concrete." Smith said.

Underground utility location and surface drainage work for the new pipeline project is under way.

Information from the underground utility location work will be used to finalize plans for fabrication of the new 54-inch water pipeline. PCWA anticipates arrival of the new pipe by late September with installation expected to be completed by mid-November. Streets in the construction area will be repaved following the work and the nearby Railhead Park should be accessible during construction.

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The contractor on the project is Marques Pipeline, Inc. of Sacramento.

Any questions about the project should be referred to Ken Powers at the PCWA Technical Services Department, (530) 823-4886, during weekday business hours. Any after-hours emergency calls should be directed to the agency's main number, (530) 823-4850.

The water agency will be posting project updates on its website at www.pcwa.net.