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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

*AUBURN* -- Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on Thursday (Mar. 17) expressed interest in possibly acquiring a small section of land around the PCWA Bowman Water Treatment Plant for future needs. The land is near Christian Valley Road and is part of 140,000 acres in the State set aside for public benefit determination by the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council. The Stewardship Council was established in 2004 as part of a special settlement agreement between the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the California Public Utilities Commission. The agreement allowed PG&E to emerge from bankruptcy protection.

PCWA Deputy Director of Technical Services Brent Smith said the water agency has been invited to submit a proposal to the Stewardship Council for possible lands in Placer County for which PCWA has interest.

Directors instructed staff to develop a proposal for final board consideration on Apr. 21. The proposal must be filed with the council by May 13.

In other business, PCWA directors:

- heard a suggestion by District 5 Director Ben Mavy that the water agency look into an alternative tier retirement and benefit plan for new employees. Board Chairman Lowell Jarvis said he and Mavy would work together and discuss ideas with staff.

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- welcomed Placer County Agricultural Commissioner Josh Huntsinger and Placer County Resource Conservation District Manager Rick Gruen, who announced the 2011 Placer County Agricultural Tour, which will be held on June 9 and focus on beef cattle and rice, two of the county's top production areas. PCWA is a longtime supporter of the tour and the board approved a \$500 sponsorship of this year's event.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Apr. 7, at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn.

Information on PCWA board meetings may be obtained through the Clerk to the Board at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030.