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PCWA Tribute to Valerie Lord

AUBURN -- The late Valerie Coleen Lord was remembered in a special tribute held at Thursday's (Mar.17) meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors.

Lord, who passed away Monday (Mar. 14) at age 51, served as Director of Administrative Services and Assistant General Manager for PCWA. Her passing followed a two-year fight against cancer.

A native of Placer County and 1977 graduate of Placer High School, Lord joined PCWA in 1998 after working as a legal secretary, administrative assistant and director of administrative services with regional legal and insurance firms.

Joining the water agency as a personnel assistant, she soon moved to a management analyst position and was then promoted in 2005 to Director of Administrative Services and Assistant General Manager.

In a tribute to Lord, she was remembered as a conscientious, self-motivated and exceptional person who initiated many programs and improvements for the water agency and employees.

Staff and board members shared memories of Lord's work with the water agency. General Manager David Breninger recalled her enthusiasm, compassion, and ability to work effectively with everyone. Legal counsel Edward J. Tiedemann said he hired her at his law firm in 1985. She was with the firm for five years. "But we knew she wouldn't stay; she had a lot on the ball," Tiedemann said. "There's no telling how far she would have gone."

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Board Chairman Lowell Jarvis later adjourned the meeting in Lord's memory.

She is survived by her husband, Drew, daughters Brooke and Caitlin, and other family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday (Mar. 23) at Bayside Auburn Church, 490 Nevada Street, in Auburn.

