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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AUBURN -- Financial assistance program funds were approved as grants to four community water purveyors in Placer County Thursday (May 5) by the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors.

This year fifteen applications were received from nine public water entities for projects totaling \$336,100. The program has eligibility criteria and a screening committee which reviews and makes recommendations to the board. The program has funds for 2011 of \$35,000.

The 2011 grants include:

- \$10,000 to the Christian Valley Community Services District to complete a site study for a new water storage tank.
- \$5,000 to the Foresthill Public Utility District for a water rights investigation and analysis.
- \$10,000 to the Heather Glen Community Services District for a water storage tank site study.
- \$10,000 to the Squaw Valley Public Service District to provide emergency backup power during electrical outages at the district's East Pump Station.

Since 1993, PCWA has approved more than \$1.5 million in funding to local public water entities in Placer County under the program.

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In other business, PCWA directors:

- extended for one year a pilot program that allows housing developers to use a payment plan to pay the Water Connection Charge (WCC) for new water services.

- approved a cost sharing agreement with the Nevada Irrigation District to jointly fund an update of a watershed sanitary survey for the Yuba and Bear river watersheds. The agencies are required by state law to update their surveys every five years. PCWA has budgeted \$50,000 to the effort.

- Congratulated the agency's new Director of Customer Services Matt Young, whose promotion was announced by General Manager David A. Breninger. Young succeeds former director John Kingsbury who left the agency earlier this year when he was selected as executive director of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Assoc. Young joined PCWA a year ago as Deputy Director of Customer Services after serving as assistant customer services manager for the City of Provo, Utah. He holds BS and MPA degrees from Brigham Young University (BYU).

"Matt has distinguished himself during his tenure with the agency and he stood out among the 135 candidates who applied for the position. I'm pleased to have him lead our Customer Services department," said Breninger.

The PCWA board will next meet in a Special Meeting to conduct a public hearing on the current water shortage emergency crisis facing the agency and its customers. The meeting will be held in Placer Hall at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, 1273 High Street, in Auburn. It opens at 5:30 p.m. with public information with agency staff; the board convenes at 6 p.m. with public hearing to follow. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 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.