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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

(Two photos attached)

*AUBURN* - The Sacramento-based Regional Water Authority (RWA) is taking an active role in the policy-making process as state and federal agencies seek a long-term solution for water supply and environmental issues surrounding the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

This was the message from RWA Executive Director John Woodling, who attended Thursday's (Aug. 18) meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to provide an update on his organization's activities.

Founded in 2001 and marking its 10th anniversary, the RWA includes 20 water providers who supply nearly 2 million people in the greater Sacramento region. PCWA is an original and longtime active member.

Woodling said the RWA is guided by the concept that its member agencies can accomplish much more by working together than separately. He said the RWA has been taking this collective approach to the ongoing Bay-Delta planning process.

Woodling said the current Bay Delta Conservation Plan, which is will soon be under environmental review, will impact 90 percent of the people in California and the biggest impacts may be for "those of us in the upstream areas."

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Agency General Manager David Breninger emphasized, "PCWA and RWA area water suppliers are extremely concerned that solutions proposed by the Delta Plan will be done for the benefit of Delta water exporters while sacrificing our region's water supply and at the expense of our local economy."

PCWA legal counsel Janet Goldsmith added, "The RWA's effort has been extremely valuable to the region to bring awareness and advocacy of Sacramento regional water issues to the Delta planning process."

In other business, PCWA directors:

- congratulated staff for receiving a Project of the Year Award from the Sacramento Section of the American Public Works Association (APWA). The award recognizes PCWA for its rapid response and creative system modifications following the failure earlier this year of the PG&E Bear River Canal this past spring.

- heard a presentation from Carol Arnold, general manager of the Foothill Farmers' Market. Arnold previewed a new promotional video on the market created by the Placer County Department of Agriculture Ag Marketing Program.

- heard an update from Resource Administrator Andy Fecko on the current federal relicensing program for the Middle Fork American River Project. Fecko said the agency's application has been accepted and declared complete by the federal government, that environmental analysis is scheduled for 2012, and that the new license is anticipated in 2013.

- approved the sale of the former PCWA Power System headquarters on Harrison Street in Foresthill to the County of Placer for \$200,000. The county plans a public use for the 1.8-acre site located between Foresthill Memorial Hall and Memorial Park. Last year, the PCWA Power System moved to a larger corporate yard site on Sunset Drive.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn.

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Information on PCWA board meetings may be obtained through the Clerk to the Board at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030. PCWA information is also posted at [www.pcwa.net](http://www.pcwa.net).

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**Project of the Year**

The Placer County Water Agency has received a Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association for its effective response to the PG&E Bear River Canal failure earlier this year. PCWA Board Chairman Lowell Jarvis holds the award at Thursday's (Aug. 18) board meeting. Also pictured, from left, are consulting engineer Frank Helmick of West Yost Associates, PCWA Director of Technical Services Brian Martin, and PCWA Director of Field Services Mike Nichol.



