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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Pacific Avenue Pipeline Project
Set for October Completion

AUBURN-- The difficult Pacific Avenue Pipeline Project is back on track and scheduled for completion by late October, the Placer County Water Agency reported on Monday (Sept. 26).

The pipeline work was delayed by wet weather last winter and then slowed this summer when underground rock formations proved more difficult than expected. To avoid extensive rock excavation, the pipeline alignment was adjusted, resulting in further delays during the manufacture of additional sections of 54-inch pipeline.

PCWA project engineer Ken Powers said Thursday that project contractor, Marques Pipeline, Inc., of Sacramento is remobilizing at the job site and that pipe installation is expected to commence this week (Sept. 26).

Pipeline installation work is planned to continue through mid-October. Road restoration along Meadowlark Court, Pacific and Sacramento streets will be the last major item of work before the project is complete.

Traffic controls will continue in the project area. Some road closures and detours will be needed and are being posted on local neighborhood message boards.

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The large pipeline project replaces a section of PCWA's Boardman Canal that runs through an old pipe beneath the adjacent Pacific Heights Apartment complex. The canal is a key PCWA conveyance facility, carrying water to and through wide areas of central and western Placer County.

The old pipe was installed many years ago by a developer who wanted to make full use of the property. It does not lie directly beneath any of the apartment buildings but runs through the complex and is failing and inaccessible for maintenance purposes.

"This has been a lengthy and difficult project for the neighborhood, our contractor, and the water agency," said Powers. "We apologize for the delays and inconvenience and thank everyone for their patience and support."

Questions about the work should be directed to Ken Powers in the PCWA Engineering Dept. at (530) 823-4950. The water agency will continue to post weekly project updates every Friday on its website at www.pcwa.net.