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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## PCWA RESPONDS TO STATE'S CALL FOR WATER CONSERVATION

**AUBURN, Calif. (Mar. 20, 2015)** – In response to the State Water Resources Control Board's March 17 adoption of expanded emergency water conservation regulations, the Placer County Water Agency will amend its Water Shortage Contingency Plan to address the state's requirements. The amended plan will be presented to the PCWA Board of Directors on April 2.

New State requirements for urban water suppliers to be addressed in the amended plan include:

- Establishment of drought stages with mandatory conservation requirements.
- A limit on the number of days that outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water is allowed.
- Prompt notification of customers when the agency is aware of leaks.
- Additional reporting on compliance and enforcement efforts.

"Water availability in 2015 is looking a lot like 2014," PCWA Director of Technical Services Brent Smith said. "To manage water supplies to get us through the year we are asking customers for continued conservation."

Results of the March 1 snow surveys on the American River watershed registered at 2 percent of average while PG&E's Yuba-Bear watershed registered at 8 percent of average. Seasonal precipitation to date is at 36.5 inches, or 69 percent of average, Smith reported.

In other news, PCWA directors:

- Responded to concerns of agricultural water customers in far western Placer County by adopting a resolution to provide up to 9,300 acre-feet of water from the agency's PG&E and/or American River sources.
- Designated the General Manager, Director of Financial Services, or Director of Technical Services as Agent(s) to act in the agency's behalf for all matters pertaining to state disaster assistance. This action ensures the agency is eligible for potential disaster assistance from the state.

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- Approved an application to the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission for annexation of the agency's water system near Truckee by Northstar Community Services District.

The next regular meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015, at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn. PCWA board meetings are open to the public.

Information on PCWA board meetings may be obtained through the Clerk to the Board at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030. For drought updates and water conservation information, see [www.pcwa.net](http://www.pcwa.net).

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**About PCWA**

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) is the primary water resource agency for Placer County, California, with a broad range of responsibilities including water resource planning and management, retail and wholesale supply of drinking water and irrigation water, and production of hydroelectric energy.