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Foresthill Public Utility District (FPUD) Receives \$15,000 Grant

June 16, 2015 – The FPUD today announced it has received a \$15,000 grant from the Placer County Water Agency as part of PCWA's 2015 Financial Assistance Program. The funds will be applied to costs for environmental studies associated with the FPUD's application for an extension of water rights permits from the California State Water Resources Control Board

"We greatly appreciate the support of PCWA by assisting us with this grant," said Board of Directors member Neil Cochran. "They've been willing partners in sharing both funds and advice on several projects in the past few years."

Two concurrent environmental studies are underway; a California Environmental Quality Act Environmental Impact Report, and a National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Impact Statement. Both studies are required before the permit extension will be issued by the California State Water Resources Control Board. The FPUD is lead agency on the CEQA study while the US Forest Service is lead agency on the NEPA study.

A second element of both studies is related to the FPUD's desire to increase local water storage capacity at Sugar Pine reservoir by the addition of two radial gates at Sugar Pine Dam. In view of California's current drought, additional high-altitude water storage represents a valuable and desirable resource for every resident, business, and institution in the State.

A contract with ECORP Consulting Inc. of Rocklin, CA was approved by the FPUD Board of Directors and work is proceeding on the project.

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