

News Release



Controller of the State of California - Kathleen Connell

300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1850
Sacramento, California 95814

Contact: Lisa Casalegno (916) 445-2636

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STATE CONTROLLER KATHLEEN CONNELL RELEASES STATE FUNDS FOR FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

Sacramento, December 12, 2001 – State Controller Kathleen Connell today released \$60,000 in State funds to the County of Shasta, located in Northern California, for its fire-prevention and education campaign.

The fire-prevention campaign will focus on educating Shasta residents of the need to clear dead and overgrown underbrush near homes and buildings. Thick uncleared underbrush is blamed for fueling a disastrous wildfire that destroyed 400 homes in the Shasta area in 1999.

“These funds will help to reduce the loss of life and property to the residents of Shasta County,” said Controller Connell. “By preventing a wildfire in the first place, we can reduce the enormous fire-fighting cost to the State’s emergency fund.”

The funds will be used for production and postage of printed fire-prevention information and education materials to be distributed to 30,000 Shasta County residents who live in fire prone areas. In addition, important fire-prevention messages will be placed in daily and weekly newspapers within Shasta County.

The funds were allocated under the Budget Act.

#