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STATE CONTROLLER KATHLEEN CONNELL ISSUES FUNDS TO CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

Sacramento, December 12, 2001 – State Controller Kathleen Connell today issued a payment of \$100,000 to fund the electric vehicle program in the City of Santa Fe Springs.

The funds, authorized under the Budget Act, will allow the City to renew its lease on four Ford Ranger electric vehicles. In addition, the City hopes to use some of the funds to purchase up to four additional alternative fuel vehicles. The City has one other Ford Ranger electric vehicle, which has already been funded.

The vehicles are used by City's Department of Public Works. The three-year-old program has resulted in reduced costs for fuel and maintenance, while the environment benefits from the zero-emissions produced by these vehicles.

"Santa Fe Springs has taken an innovative approach that more cities should be considering," said State Controller Kathleen Connell. "I am pleased that this funding has been allocated to further a program that is a model for other cities."

The City estimates that annual energy costs for the four electric Rangers is \$850, compared to \$2700 per year for fuel for four conventional Rangers.

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