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Westly Orders Review of Grant Payments

SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly today ordered his auditors to review all general fund grant payments made over four years by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Westly temporarily assigned up to 18 members of his Audits Division to the effort, which will start by examining the documentation for each grant and visits to selected project sites. Senior auditors will then conduct a risk assessment to decide which grants to subject to full-scale financial audits.

“This review will let Californians know how their hard-earned money was spent,” Westly said.

Parks and Recreation officials have agreed to cooperate with the Controller’s Office in the review, which will include grants approved in the State Budgets for fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

The Controller’s Office will also use the results of its review to recommend improvements in grant procedures.

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