

# 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 FUNDS FOR SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER RESOURCE PLANNING**

**Sacramento, CA, March 12, 2002** – State Controller Kathleen Connell today released \$50,000 in funding for the San Joaquin Valley Water Coalition, pursuant to the Budget Act.

The Coalition provides a forum for issues related to water supply, quality and distribution to be discussed by interested parties.

The \$50,000 in grant funds will be used by the Coalition to develop a long-range water plan to address the needs of the Valley's growing population, agricultural-based economy and the environment.

“California must continue to plan for future water supply needs,” said Controller Connell. “The State is experiencing rapid growth, but long-term solutions to providing water are few and far between. The San Joaquin Valley Water Coalition is proposing the kind of long-range planning that we need to see around the State.”

Eight counties are represented in the Coalition, including San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern.

###

For more information on the State Controller's Office, please visit our Web site at <http://www.sco.ca.gov/>