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WASHINGTON - Between 300 and 400 local and state officials from the nine State Far West Region are expected to attend a two-day conference on elections administration to be held August 19-21 in Sacramento, California.

Hosts for the meeting at the Woodlake Inn are the California Secretary of State, the California County Clerk's Association and the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Elections Administration. Officials attending will represent Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington.

Workshops will be conducted throughout the two-day Conference, and luncheon and dinner speakers will include California Secretary of State March Fong Eu; Chairman of the Sacramento Board of Supervisors Sandra Smoley-Rohrer; Legislative Advocate for the County of Sacramento Frank Mesple, who also is a Professor at the University of California at Davis; FEC Chairman Robert O. Tiernan; FEC National Election Clearinghouse Director Dr. Gary Greenhalgh. Tuesday's luncheon speaker is to be announced.

Subjects to be discussed at the workshops include: Training of Election Officials; Absentee Registration and Voting; Planning, Managing and Costing for Elections; Ballot Access; Registration File Maintenance; Voter Outreach; Media and Election Administration; Voting Equipment; Reprecincting and Polling Place Location; and Bilingual Registration and Election Services. Panelists participating in the workshops will include public officials from throughout the Nation who are recognized for their work in the field of elections administration.

The Far West Regional Conference on Elections Administration will coincide with a two-day workshop on Campaign Finance Activities to be held Monday, August 20, in the California State Capitol. Sponsored by the Federal Election Commission, this program will feature discussions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, campaign finance reporting and political action and party committee activities.

All sessions will be open to the public, and FEC staff specialists will be on hand for additional consultation and advice.