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WASHINGTON -

A two-day Conference on Election Administration will be held in Sacramento, California, August 19-21, for officials from the nine-state Far West Region.

Hosts for the meeting at the Woodlake Inn are the Secretary of the State of California, the California County Clerk's Association and the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

Coinciding with the Conference will be a one-day Seminar on campaign financing, to be held Monday, August 20, in the California Capitol. Sponsored by the Federal Election Commission, this program will feature workshops and open discussions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, campaign finance reporting, political action committees and political party committee activities. The Seminar will be open to the public without charge.

Some 300 election officials are expected to register for the two-day Conference. They will represent Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington.

Nine workshops will be conducted by nationally recognized state and local election administrators from throughout the country, and a number of prominent speakers have been invited to address lunch and dinner meetings.

In announcing support of the Far West Conference, which is the second of five such regional meetings to be conducted by January 1980, FEC officials said they are needed because the administration of elections has become a complex, visible and demanding job.

They cited as reasons for this the increasing role of the Federal Government and Federal Courts, new state legislation and state requirements, pressure from community groups for more and better elections services and increased numbers of political parties, candidates and issues finding their way onto ballots.