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WASHINGTON - California Secretary of State March Fong Eu, Federal Election Commission Chairman Robert O. Tiernan, University of California at Davis Professor Frank Mesple, Chairperson Sandra R. Smoley of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and Sacramento Mayor Phillip Isenberg will be the main banquet and luncheon speakers during a two-day Far West Workshop Conference on Election Administration starting today (August 19) in Sacramento. Some 400 election administrators from the nine-states are registered for the series of 10 workshops.

The Conference and a simultaneous one-day Seminar on Campaign Financing are being co-sponsored by the California Secretary of State, the California County Clerk's Association and the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

States in the Far West Region are Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington.

Dr. Gary Greenhalgh, Director of the National Clearinghouse, will be keynote speaker at Sunday night's opening reception. Joining him will be Secretary Eu, Assistant Secretary of State Bill Durley, Sacramento Registrar of Voters Carol Stick, City Clerks Association President Jack Kowalski, FEC Chairman Tiernan and Vice Chairman Max Friedersdorf. County Clerks Association President Robert L. Hamm and members of the California Fair Political Practices Commission will participate with the others at the Monday night banquet.

Ten workshops will be conducted in connection with the Conference on Election Administration, starting Monday morning and running through Tuesday at the Woodlake Inn. Specialists in election administration from throughout the country will serve as panelists of the various workshops.

The one-day Campaign Financing Seminar will be held Monday in Room 4202 of the State Capitol. This seminar is open to the public without charge.

Four of the six member Federal Election Commission will open the Monday morning meeting with a discussion of the Federal Election Campaign Act and a question and answer period. Afternoon workshops will be conducted by FEC staff members on campaign reporting requirements and political action committee activities.

In addition to the FEC Chairman and Vice Chairman, Commissioners Joan Aikens and John McGarry, Harriet Robnett, Special Deputy of the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, General Counsel William Oldaker and Deputy Staff Director William Loughrey will conduct the workshops.