

WELCOME TO THE 2002 EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE
FROM THE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The 2002 Annual Conference for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California will be held at The Resort at Squaw Creek ("Resort") in Lake Tahoe from Friday, October 25 through Sunday, October 27, 2002.

The Planning Committee, co-chaired this year by Lisa Mercurio and William Haesy, has put together an excellent program consisting of many topics which we are sure you'll find stimulating and thought-provoking.

The Conference will begin with a cocktail reception at the Resort for all attendees and their guests on Friday evening, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will also be a cocktail reception at the Resort for all attendees and their guests on Saturday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Although invitees and guests are on their own for dinner on both nights, an extensive array of hors'deouvres will be served at both receptions and a no-host bar will be provided.

Sessions will commence on Saturday, October 26, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks from District Chief Judge William B. Shubb followed with the "State of the Circuit" address by Chief Judge Mary Schroeder of the Ninth Circuit. Mark Curriden will follow with a presentation of his book, *Contempt of Court*. The guest speaker at our Saturday luncheon is U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman.

The session on Sunday will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 p.m. Our guest speaker is James Brosnahan. We will conclude the conference by continuing last year's theme of combining fun and entertainment with the history of our District.

If you have any questions about this year's Conference or would like to attend, please contact Marie Wells at (916) 930-4031.