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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CHARLES CHATMAN,)	1:03-CV-6636 AWI SMS P
Plaintiff,)	ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
v.)	SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
SERGEANT C. TYNER, et al.,)	(Document #151)
Defendants.)	

Plaintiff Charles Chapman is proceeding with a prisoner civil rights action. This action is proceeding to trial on the following claims: (1) A First Amendment retaliation claim arising out of Plaintiff’s placement in the SHU; (2) An Eighth Amendment claim in which Plaintiff alleges Defendant exposed him to freezing temperatures; and (3) An Eighth Amendment claim stemming from Plaintiff’s placement and retention in a flooded cell.

Local Rule 270 (a) provides that a “settlement conference shall be held in all actions unless otherwise ordered by the Court on objection of a party or for other good cause.” In this action, Plaintiff is incarcerated and Defendants’ and their attorneys are located great distances from Plaintiff. At this time, Plaintiff has submitted a settlement demand to Defendants. Given the logistical concerns present in this case, the court will not require a court settlement

1 conference unless at least one Defendant expresses an interest in a settlement conference. If any
2 Defendant is interested in a court assisted settlement conference, they should contact the
3 chambers of Magistrate Judge Sandra M. Snyder and a settlement conference will be arranged.

4 Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for a court ordered settlement conference is DENIED.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 **Dated: February 9, 2010**

/s/ Anthony W. Ishii
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE