the plaintiffs in the above-captioned cases. Plaintiffs seek to relate N.R.D.C. v. Norton, et al., N.D. Cal. No. Civ 05-000690,

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transferred by Judge Wilken to Judge Wanger, to the above-captioned case. Under the Local Rules of this court, the judge with the lowest case number will resolve the propriety of relating a case. In the instant matter, my case carries the lowest number.

I have consulted with Judge Wanger, and we have concluded that, under the Local Rule's standards, the case is properly related to both my case and Judge Wanger's case. Nonetheless, it is our joint judgement that the purposes of relation are best served by leaving the case with Judge Wanger. Accordingly, the court will not relate the case to N.R.D.C. v. Rogers, et al., No. Civ. S-88-1658 LKK.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: September 28, 2005.

/s/Lawrence K. Karlton
LAWRENCE K. KARLTON
SENIOR JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT