

1 criminal cases.

2 One of this Court's U.S. Magistrate Judges is available to conduct all proceedings in this
3 action, including entry of final judgment, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Federal Rule of
4 Civil Procedure 73, and Local Rule 305. The same jury pool is used by Magistrate Judges and District
5 Judges. An appeal from Magistrate Judge proceedings is taken directly to the Ninth Circuit Court of
6 Appeals when the parties consent to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction. This Court will direct its Clerk to
7 provide the parties with the Court's form to consent to or decline Magistrate Judge jurisdiction. Within
8 **fourteen days of this order's date of service**, the parties shall file and serve their form to indicate
9 whether they consent to or decline Magistrate Judge jurisdiction.

10 Moreover, this Court's Fresno Division randomly and without advance notice reassigns civil
11 actions to District Judges throughout the nation to serve as visiting judges. In the absence of
12 Magistrate Judge consent, this action is subject to reassignment to a District Judge from outside the
13 Eastern District of California. Case management difficulties, including trial setting and interruption,
14 are avoided if the parties consent to conduct of further proceedings by one of this Court's Magistrate
15 Judges.

16 Accordingly, the Court orders that:

- 17 1. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to provide the parties with the form that will
18 allow them to consent or decline Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction; and
19 2. Within **fourteen** days from this order's date of service, the parties shall notify the Court
20 whether they consent to or decline Magistrate Judge jurisdiction by filling out the enclosed forms and
21 returning them to the Court.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: March 20, 2015


25 SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE