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DAVID L. DAVIS,

KINGS COUNTY PROBATION and

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

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Court grants counsel's motion to withdraw.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CASE NO. 1:10-cv-01953-AWI-SMS

ORDER GRANTING GUBLER, KOCH, DEGN & GOMEZ, LLP, LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF

(Doc. 22)

ORDER DIRECTING CLERK TO SERVE

PRO SE PLAINTIFF

ORDER VACATING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

On February 14, 2012, Gubler, Koch, Degn & Gomez, LLP, counsel for Plaintiff, moved to withdraw as counsel, stating that Plaintiff and counsel were in serious and irreconcilable disagreement on case strategy. The Court heard the motion on March 21, 2012. Thomas W. Degn appeared telephonically as counsel to Plaintiff; Michelle Sassano appeared telephonically on behalf of Defendant. Plaintiff David L. Davis appeared telephonically on his own behalf. Having considered the matters addressed at the hearing and all written materials submitted, the

Local Rule 83-182(d) provides, in pertinent part, "Withdrawal as attorney is governed by the Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of California, and the attorney shall conform to the requirements of those Rules." California's rules require the notice of motion and declaration to be served on the client and all other parties who have appeared in the case. CRC 3.1362(d). Counsel served all parties with the notice of motion to withdraw.

Plaintiff David L. Davis is advised that failure to take appropriate legal action may result in serious legal consequences. The Court strongly advises Plaintiff to consider obtaining new counsel or other legal assistance. In view of Plaintiff's stated intent to secure alternate counsel, the settlement conference scheduled for May 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. before Judge Snyder is VACATED. All other dates shall remain unchanged until Plaintiff, proceeding *pro se*; his new counsel; or Defendant request an informal scheduling or status conference.

Plaintiff has advised the Court that telephone messages may be left for him at 559-587-9855 until he has installed telephone service in his new home. Plaintiff is directed to advise the Court of his new telephone number within seven (7) days of the installation of service.

The Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for Plaintiff David L. Davis, brought by Gubler, Hoch, Degn & Gomez, LLP, is hereby GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is directed to amend the docket to reflect same, until he retains new counsel, Plaintiff David L. Davis shall proceed *pro se*, and to direct this order and all relevant notices and filings to Mr. Davis at his current address as follows:

David L. Davis 850 Greenfield Avenue Hanford, CA 93230 559-587-9855

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: <u>March 21, 2012</u>

/s/ Sandra M. Snyder
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE