1 2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 3 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 4 5 ROBERT THOMAS, 1:10cv02173 AWI DLB PC 6 7 Plaintiff. ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO NOTIFY THE COURT WHETHER A SETTLEMENT 8 v. CONFERENCE BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE WOULD BE 9 J. RAZO, et al., **BENEFICIAL** FIFTEEN DAY DEADLINE 10 Defendants. 11 Plaintiff Robert Thomas ("Plaintiff") is a California state prisoner proceeding pro se and in 12 forma pauperis in this civil action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This action is proceeding on an 13 Eighth Amendment excessive force claim against Defendants Razo, Moreno, Brown, Vera, Vasquez 14 and Holguin. Trial is currently set for February 25, 2014. 15 Within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this order, Plaintiff and Defendants are 16 each to file a written response indicating whether a Court settlement conference would be beneficial 17 in resolving this action. If both parties agree, the Court will issue a further scheduling order setting 18 this matter for settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge or District Judge from the United 19 20 States District Court, Eastern District of California. 21 22 23 IT IS SO ORDERED. 24 Dated: **October 18, 2013** /s/ Dennis L. Beck 25 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 26 27 28