1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 GARY COPPOLA, an individual, et al., Case No. 1:11-cv-01257-AWI-BAM 12 Plaintiffs, 13 v. ORDER REGARDING SETTLEMENT 14 PARAGON CLEANERS, INC., et al., CONFERENCE 15 Defendants. 16 17 MISSION LINEN SUPPLY, a California Case No. 1:15-cv-00672-AWI-EPG Corporation, 18 Plaintiff, 19 v. 20 CITY OF VISALIA, and Does 1-20, 21 inclusive, 22 Defendant. 23 24 These matters are set for a Settlement Conference before Magistrate Judge Barbara A. 25 McAuliffe on September 13, 2017, at 9:30 am in Courtroom 8 at the U.S. District Court, 2500 Tulare 26

Street, Fresno, California, 93721. Unless otherwise permitted in advance by the Court, the attorneys

who will try the cases shall personally appear at the settlement conference with the parties and the

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person or persons having full authority to negotiate and settle the cases, on any terms, at the conference.

No later than seven days prior to the settlement conference, each party shall submit directly to Judge McAuliffe's chambers at bamorders@caed.uscourts.gov, a confidential settlement conference statement. This statement should neither be filed with the clerk of the Court nor served on any other party. Each statement shall be clearly marked "CONFIDENTIAL" with the date and time of the mandatory settlement conference indicated prominently.

For each case, the settlement statement should not be lengthy but shall include a brief recitation of the facts, a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the case, an estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further pretrial and trial matters, and the relief sought. The parties are also directed to include a candid statement on the party's position on settlement, including the amount which the party will accept to settle, realistic settlement expectations, present settlement proposals, and a history of past settlement discussions, offers, demands, and a report on settlement efforts to date.

This Court will vacate the settlement conference if the Court finds the settlement conference will be neither productive nor meaningful to attempt to resolve all or part of this case. As far in advance of the settlement conference as possible, a party shall inform the Court and other parties that it believes the case is not in a settlement posture so the Court may vacate or reset the settlement conference. Otherwise the parties shall proceed with the settlement conference in good faith to attempt to resolve all or part of the cases.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **August 29, 2017**

1s/Barbara A. McAuliffe

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