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14	ROBERT MERRYMAN, DAWN SINGH, and BRIAN MURPHY, on behalf of themselves	JOINT REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF COURT EXPERT AND ORDER
15	and all others similarly situated,	OF COURT EXTERT AND ORDER
16	Plaintiffs, v.	Date:
17	COUNTY OF FRESNO	Courtroom: 8 Judge: Hon. Barbara McAullife
18	Defendant.	Action Filed: December 13, 2011
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The Court approves the appointment of Dr. Roberta Stellman as Court expert to be paid by Defendant in the amount of \$425 an hour for work performed and \$175 an hour for time spent traveling. Defendant will also reimburse her for reasonable travel expenses.

Rule 706(b) of the Federal Rules of Evidence requires the Court to "inform the expert of the expert's duties." The expert's duties are as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to rule 706 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Courts' experts shall advise the Court on the adequacy of the implementation of the Remedial Plan.
- 2. During the first year of the Consent Decree, the three Court experts shall each complete one comprehensive review and report to advise the Court on defendant's progress in implementing the Remedial Plan. For the remaining duration of the Consent Decree, the Court experts shall complete comprehensive reviews and reports as they determine to be necessary, or as jointly requested by the parties, but not more than once a year, to advise the parties and the Court on the adequacy of defendant's implementation of the Remedial Plan. To form the basis of their reports, the Court experts shall have access to all parts of any County jail facility, with adequate notice provided in advance of the same to ensure appropriate security is provided, all relevant budgetary, custody, and health care documents, persons (including confidential interviews with consenting staff and consenting prisoners) and institutional meetings, proceedings, and programs to the extent the experts reasonably determine such access is needed to fulfill their obligations. The Court experts shall not have access to personnel files, including records and information deemed confidential pursuant to California Penal Code § 832.7. Attorneys shall not have ex parte contact with experts regarding their preliminary and proposed opinions to be presented to the parties.
- 3. At the request of either party, the Court experts shall participate in the dispute resolution process, as described in Paragraph 18 of the Consent Decree, by