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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ARTHUR GRAY,)	Case No.: 1:14-cv-0204 - LJO - JLT
Plaintiff,)	ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
v.)	(Doc. 52)
COUNTY OF KERN,)	
Defendant.)	
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Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties (Doc. 52), a settlement conference is **SET** in this action for **December 21, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.** with Magistrate Judge Jennifer Thurston, located at the United States Courthouse in Bakersfield, California.

Unless otherwise permitted in advance by the Court, **the attorneys who will try the case shall appear** at the Settlement Conference **with the parties** and the person or persons having **full authority** to negotiate and settle the case **on any terms**¹ at the conference. Consideration of settlement is a serious matter that requires preparation prior to the settlement conference.

At least five court days prior to the Settlement Conference, the parties shall submit, directly to

¹ Insurance carriers, business organizations, and governmental bodies or agencies whose settlement agreements are subject to approval by legislative bodies, executive committees, boards of directors or the like shall be represented by a person or persons who occupy high executive positions in the party organization and who will be directly involved in the process of approval of any settlement offers or agreements. To the extent possible the representative shall have the authority, if he or she deems it appropriate, to settle the action on terms consistent with the opposing party's most recent demand.

1 Judge Thurston's chambers by e-mail to JLTorders@caed.uscourts.gov, a Confidential Settlement
2 Conference Statement. The statement **should not be filed** with the Clerk of the Court **nor served on**
3 **any other party**, although the parties may file a Notice of Lodging of Settlement Conference
4 Statement. Each statement shall be clearly marked "confidential" with the date and time of the
5 Settlement Conference indicated prominently thereon.

6 The Confidential Settlement Conference Statement shall include the following:

- 7 A. A brief statement of the facts of the case.
- 8 B. A brief statement of the claims and defenses, i.e., statutory or other grounds upon
9 which the claims are founded; a forthright evaluation of the parties' likelihood of
10 prevailing on the claims and defenses; and a description of the major issues in dispute.
- 11 C. A summary of the proceedings to date.
- 12 D. An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, pretrial and trial.
- 13 E. The relief sought.
- 14 F. The party's position on settlement, including present demands and offers and a history
15 of past settlement discussions, offers and demands.

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17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 Dated: December 10, 2017

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE