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2 Coccidioidomycosis or “Valley Fever.” Witnesses and the evidence necessary for the resolution  
3 of plaintiffs’ claims would appear to be more readily available within the boundaries of the  
4 Fresno Division of this court where all of the institutions at issue are located.

5 Moreover, there is an existing and previously-filed class action proceeding in the Fresno  
6 Division of this court, Jackson, et al. v. State of California, et al., Case No. 1:13-cv-1055 SAB  
7 LJO, concerning inmates’ exposure to Valley Fever. Another case filed by plaintiffs’ lawyers,  
8 Smith, et al. v. Schwarzenegger, et al., Case No. 2:13-cv-2254 DAD, also concerning inmates’  
9 exposure to Valley Fever, was transferred to the Fresno Division on January 16, 2014, assigned  
10 Case No. 1:14-cv-0060 LJO SAB, and related to the previously-filed class action, Case No. 1:13-  
11 cv-1055 SAB LJO. On March 24, 2014, after oral argument, the Honorable Dale A. Drozd  
12 reconsidered the order of transfer, but determined that the action should remain in the Fresno  
13 Division of the court. Case No. 2:13-cv-2254 DAD (ECF No. 15).

14 In the instant action, on February 14, 2014, plaintiffs’ counsel filed a notice of objections  
15 to transfer of related actions. Counsel appended a copy of the motion for reconsideration of the  
16 transfer order in Case No. 2:13-cv-2254 DAD. The undersigned has reviewed the motion for  
17 reconsideration and considered plaintiffs’ objections. However, the undersigned agrees with  
18 Judge Drozd, and finds that in the interest of justice, the instant case should also be transferred to  
19 the Fresno Division and related to the earlier-filed class action.

20 Therefore, in the interest of justice, the court will transfer this action to the Fresno  
21 Division of the court. See 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and Local Rule 120(f).

22 Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 23 1. This action is transferred to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of  
24 California sitting in Fresno; and

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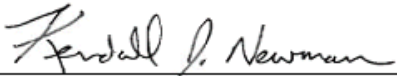
2. All future filings shall reference the new Fresno case number assigned and shall be

filed at:

United States District Court  
Eastern District of California  
2500 Tulare Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

Dated: March 26, 2014

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KENDALL J. NEWMAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE