

1 p. 2.) On March 21, 2017, the Court issued an order directing Defendants to file a written
2 response to Plaintiff's request for a settlement conference. (ECF No. 30.) On April 4, 2017,
3 Defendants filed a response indicating to the Court that they do not have an interest in a
4 settlement conference or feel that settlement is a possibility. (ECF No. 31, p. 2.)

5 The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure authorize settlement discussions at any pretrial
6 conference. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c)(2)(I). While federal courts have the authority to require the
7 parties to engage in settlement conferences, they have no authority to coerce settlements. Goss
8 Graphic Systems, Inc. v. DEV Industries, Inc., 267 F.3d 624, 627 (7th Cir. 2001); Ackley v.
9 Carroll, No. 1:06-cv-00771-AWI-SMS PC, 2011 WL 2909891, at *1 (E.D. Cal. July 13, 2011).
10 Defendants have indicated to the Court that they are not interested in participating in a settlement
11 conference. No settlement conference will be scheduled until such time as both parties agree to
12 participate.

13 Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for a settlement conference (ECF No. 25) is DENIED.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: April 6, 2017

17 /s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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