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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BALJIT ATHWAL, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. 1:15-cv-00311-TLN-BAM

GEORGIA DEFILIPPO, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. 1:18-cv-00496-AWI-EPG

**RELATED CASE ORDER**

EDUARDO QUINTANAR, JR.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. 1:18-cv-01403-DAD-SKO

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FRANK CARSON,  Plaintiff,  v.  COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,  Defendants.	No. 1:20-cv-00747-AWI-EPG
WALTER W. WELLS, et al.,  Plaintiffs,  v.  COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,  Defendants.	No. 1:20-cv-00770-AWI-JDP

Plaintiffs filed Notices of Related Cases in each of the above-captioned actions, with the exception of Case No. 1:15-cv-00311-TLN-BAM, on June 3 and 4, 2020. Examination of the above-captioned actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123 (E.D. Cal. 1997). Pursuant to Rule 123 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, two actions are related when they involve the same parties and are based on the same or similar claim(s); when they involve the same transaction, property, or event; or when they “involve similar questions of fact and the same question of law and their assignment to the same Judge . . . is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort.” L.R. 123(a).

Further,

[i]f the Judge to whom the action with the lower or lowest number has been assigned determines that assignment of the actions to a single Judge is likely to effect a savings of judicial effort or other economies, that Judge is authorized to enter an order reassigning all higher numbered related actions to himself or herself.

L.R. 123(c).

Here, the actions involve many overlapping defendants, are based on many of the same claims arising from the same underlying alleged facts and incident, and likely involve the same or

1 similar questions of law. Consequently, assignment to the same judge would “effect a substantial  
2 savings of judicial effort.” L.R. 123(a), see also L.R. 123(c).

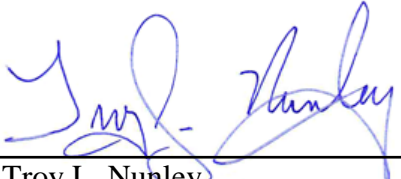
3 Relating the cases under Local Rule 123, however, merely has the result that both actions  
4 are assigned to the same judge, it does not consolidate the actions. Under the regular practice of  
5 this Court, related cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the  
6 first filed action was assigned. Should any party wish to consolidate the actions, the appropriate  
7 motion or stipulation must be filed.

8 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the actions denominated 1:18-cv-00496-AWI-EPG;  
9 1:18-cv-1403-DAD-SKO; 1:20-cv-00747-AWI-EPG; and 1:20-cv-00770-AWI-JDP are  
10 reassigned to District Judge Troy L. Nunley and Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe, and the  
11 captions shall read, respectively, 1:18-cv-00496-TLN-BAM; 1:18-cv-1403-TLN-BAM; 1:20-cv-  
12 00747-TLN-BAM; and 1:20-cv-00770-TLN-BAM. Any dates currently set in the reassigned  
13 cases are hereby VACATED, and the parties are ordered to refile any pending motions before this  
14 Court. The Clerk of the Court is to issue the Initial Pretrial Scheduling Order.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 DATED: June 15, 2020

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Troy L. Nunley  
United States District Judge