

1 Civil Procedure 73, and Local Rule 305. Any appeal from a judgment entered by a United States
2 Magistrate Judge is taken directly to the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit.

3 If all parties in this action consent to the jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge,
4 this Court will immediately schedule a trial setting hearing. The Court will proceed as follows at
5 the trial setting hearing:

6 1. Set the matter for trial on a date certain before this Court. Generally, the trial date
7 will be scheduled for a date approximately six months after the deadline for the filing of
8 dispositive motions;¹ and

9 2. By agreement of the parties, vacate any previously set deadlines, such as
10 dispositive motion deadlines, if the parties stipulate that such deadlines are unnecessary and the
11 parties desire to proceed to trial expeditiously after the closing of the discovery deadlines.

12 Consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Eastern
13 District, if the matter proceeds to trial under this process, the Court will handle the trial just as
14 any other civil case which comes before the Court.

15 Withholding consent or declining jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge for all
16 purposes will have no effect on the merits of a party's case or have any adverse substantive
17 consequences.² A party may also consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction at any time, even if the
18 party has previously declined such jurisdiction.

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20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 Dated: January 12, 2016

/s/ Dennis L. Beck
22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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24 ¹ See Court's Discovery and Scheduling Order for dispositive motion deadlines. Setting a trial
25 date approximately six months after the deadline affords a period for a response/reply to the
26 dispositive motion, and consideration of the motion by the court; if claims remain after a decision
27 on the dispositive motion, a schedule will be set for motions in limine, pre-trial statements,
28 motions for incarcerated witnesses, and motions for payment of unincarcerated witness fees, all
prior to the first day of trial.

² Even if the parties decline consent, under Local Rule 302 the assigned magistrate judge will still
conduct a number of pretrial matters.