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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JEFFREY SELSOR,
Plaintiff,
v.
CASTANEDA, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 1:15-cv-00918-LJO-BAM (PC)
ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF’S REQUEST
TO ATTEND SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
BY VIDEO
(ECF No. 29)

Plaintiff Jeffrey Selsor (“Plaintiff”) is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

This case is currently set for settlement conference on September 18, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., before the undersigned at California State Prison, Corcoran.

On July 17, 2017, Plaintiff filed a motion for reconsideration of the Court’s July 7, 2017 order setting a settlement conference, requesting to appear at the settlement conference by video. (ECF No. 29.)

Generally, the Court allows inmates to appear telephonically for all pretrial proceedings, however, the Court finds that settlement conferences are not productive without the ability to have face to face contact with the participants. Therefore, the Court requires the parties to personally appear for settlement conferences. Plaintiff requests that he be allowed to appear by video, however, the Court’s past experience has demonstrated that the California Department of

1 Corrections video conferencing system can be unreliable; and therefore, is insufficient for the
2 purposes of conducting a settlement conference. Thus, the Court finds that it is not practicable to
3 allow an inmate to appear by video at a settlement conference. Plaintiff is advised that he is
4 obligated to litigate the action which may necessitate, among other things, transportation to the
5 court for proceedings.

6 Accordingly, Plaintiff's request to attend the settlement conference by video conference
7 (ECF No. 29), is DENIED.

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 Dated: July 19, 2017


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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