

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 the parties should inform the Court whether they wish to proceed on an expedited basis. The
5 expedited trial setting procedure requires the agreement of all parties. Upon such agreement, the
6 Court will vacate any previously set deadlines, such as dispositive motion deadlines, if the parties
7 stipulate that such deadlines are unnecessary and the parties desire to proceed to trial
8 expeditiously after the closing of the discovery deadlines.

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

12 Withholding consent or declining jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge for all
13 purposes will have no effect on the merits of a party's case or have any adverse substantive
14 consequences.¹ A party may also consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction at any time, even if the
15 party has previously declined such jurisdiction.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

17 Dated: May 6, 2016

18 /s/ Dennis L. Beck
19 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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28 ¹ Even if the parties decline consent, under Local Rule 302 the assigned magistrate judge will still
conduct a number of pretrial matters.