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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MACK A. WEST, Jr.,
Plaintiff,
v.
HULBERT, et al.,
Defendants.

1:16-cv-00046-DAD-JLT (PC)
**ORDER REQUIRING PARTIES TO
NOTIFY COURT WHETHER A
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
WOULD BE BENEFICIAL**
14-DAY DEADLINE

Given the age of this action and the Court’s ever burgeoning case load and the delays this causes, a court supervised settlement conference may be beneficial in this action. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that within 14 days of the date of service of this order, the parties **SHALL** notify the Court whether they believe, in good faith, that a settlement conference is likely to be fruitful.

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1 Notwithstanding the requirements of Local Rule 270(b), the settlement conference would
2 be conducted by Magistrate Judge Thurston. The Court deems the deviation from the Local Rule
3 to be appropriate and in the interests of the parties and justice and sound case management in this
4 action. **If any party prefers that the settlement conference be conducted by a judicial officer**
5 **who is not assigned to this case, that party is directed to notify the Court in the response to**
6 **this order, that the party prefers another judicial officer to be assigned to handle the**
7 **conference.**

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: October 18, 2018

10 /s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
11 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE