## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ESTATE OF DONALD MALIIK LEVINGSTON, et al.,	) Case No.: 1:16-CV-0188 - DAD - JLT
Plaintiffs,	ORDER AFTER INFORMAL TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE (Doc. 23)
v.	,
COUNTY OF KERN, et al.,	ORDER GRANTING STIPULATION TO AMEND CASE SCHEDULE (Doc. 22)
Defendants.	
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At the request of the Court, counsel participated in an informal telephonic conference. (Doc. 23) At the conference, counsel discussed the issues raised in the motion to stay (Doc. 20) and were able to agree that the motion can be resolved by a stipulation to amend the complaint to name the possible other heirs. Likewise, the Court discussed with counsel their stipulation to amend the case schedule and received additional information demonstrating good cause to do so. Thus, the Court **ORDERS:** 

- 1. <u>No later than March 3, 2017</u>, plaintiffs' counsel **SHALL** provide a copy (via e-mail) to opposing counsel of the divorce decree related to the decedent's first marriage;
- 2. No later than March 6, 2017, counsel for the County defendants SHALL circulate to other counsel a draft of the stipulation allowing the plaintiffs to amend their complaint to add only the possible omitted heirs. The amended complaint will not change the nature of the complaint or add any causes of action and SHALL only join the possible omitted heirs. Counsel SHALL notify Mr. Thomson immediately of any changes needed to the stipulation;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> However, until the stipulation is filed, the motion will remain on calendar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This reflects a different date than the one discussed. When discussing this with counsel, the Court failed to note that Judge Drozd holds pretrial conferences only on Mondays.

1	No other amendments to the case schedule are authorized. <sup>3</sup>	
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3	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
4	Dated: <b>March 1, 2017</b>	/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This does not mean that counsel are not free to select a new settlement conference date if the case is not amenable to settlement at the time of the currently set conference. However, if they need a different date, they SHALL clear the new date with the Court before filing a stipulation in this regard.