



1 From review of the statement filed by the United States, it appears there is no one available with  
2 which the government may settle the case and, given her absolute failure to comply with the Court's  
3 orders, the Court has no reason to believe that Ms. Rodriguez believes she has a legitimate claim to the  
4 funds. Moreover, in light of the recently filed request to appear by telephone, it is apparent that neither  
5 she nor her attorney intends to appear at tomorrow's conference. Thus, the Court **ORDERS:**

- 6 1. The settlement conference, set on July 14, 2017, is **VACATED**;
- 7 2. **No later than July 21, 2017**, claimant/defendant Rachael Rodriguez **SHALL** show  
8 cause in writing why sanctions, up to and including striking her claim and the Court entering default  
9 against her, should not be imposed for her failure to comply with the Court's orders. Alternatively, she  
10 may file a notice of the abandonment of her claim.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 Dated: July 13, 2017

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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27 venue of this case at the time he accepted the representation. The Court would have to be advised of extreme  
28 circumstances—not including mere inconvenience or travel costs of counsel—for the Court to excuse an attorney's  
attendance at a settlement conference. In the event that Ms. Rodriguez intends to pursue her claim, the Court will  
immediately re-set the settlement conference and her counsel is advised that a further unsupported request for him to  
be excused from attending the conference will be summarily denied (Doc. 13 at 5).