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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSE GONZALEZ,
Plaintiff,
v.
CORECIVIC OF TENNESSEE, LLC, et
al.,
Defendants.

No. 1:16-cv-01891-DAD-JLT

THOMAS RICHARDS,
Plaintiff,
v.
CORECIVIC OF TENNESSEE, LLC,
Defendant.

No. 1:17-cv-01094-LJO-JLT
(New Case No. 1:17-cv-1094-DAD-JLT)

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

Before the court is the parties’ stipulation to consolidate the following cases:

- *Gonzalez v. CoreCivic of Tennessee, LLC, et al.* (No. 1:16-cv-01891-DAD-JLT); and
- *Richards v. CoreCivic of Tennessee, LLC*, (No. 1:17-cv-01094-LJO-JLT).

(Case No. 1:16-cv-01891-DAD-JLT, Doc. No. 63.)

Pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, “[i]f actions before the court involve a common question of law or fact, the court may: (1) join for hearing or trial any or

1 all matters at issue in the actions; (2) consolidate the actions; or (3) issue any other orders to
2 avoid unnecessary cost or delay.” In exercising its discretion, the court “weighs the saving of
3 time and effort consolidation would produce against any inconvenience, delay, or expense that it
4 would cause.” *Huene v. United States*, 743 F.2d 703, 704 (9th Cir. 1984).

5 Here, the court finds that the above-captioned actions involve the same or similar parties,
6 claims, and questions of fact or law, and that consolidation will avoid unnecessary costs and
7 duplication of proceedings. Thus, good cause exists to consolidate these cases and to re-assign
8 Case No. 1:17-cv-01094-LJO-JLT to the undersigned.

9 Accordingly,

- 10 1. The above-referenced cases shall be consolidated for all purposes, including trial, pursuant
11 to Rule 42(a);
- 12 2. The Clerk of the Court is directed to file this order in each of the above-referenced cases;
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- 14 3. Going forward, the parties and the Clerk of the Court are directed to file documents under
15 only the lead case number. Future captions should indicate the lead case number followed
16 by the member case number as follows:

17 **Lead Case: 1:16-cv-01891-DAD-JLT**

18 **Member Case: 1:17-cv-01094-DAD-JLT**

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: August 8, 2019

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23 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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