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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
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8 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

9 ANGELA L. HAYDEN; JOSHUA D.  
BUTTRAM,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Defendant.

CASE NO. 1:17-cv-00517-JLT

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S  
UNOPPOSED REQUEST TO EXCUSE  
THE POSTAL SERVICE  
REPRESENTATIVE'S IN-PERSON  
ATTENDANCE AT SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE

DATE: February 22, 2018  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Courtroom 8, Fresno, CA  
JUDGE: Hon. Barbara A. McAuliffe

15 Pursuant to the Court's Settlement Conference Order (ECF No. 19), the United States  
16 respectfully requests that the in-person attendance of a United States Postal Service  
17 representative be excused to conserve the limited resources of the agency. Undersigned counsel  
18 is lead trial counsel and will be attending the settlement conference in person with the  
19 government's full settlement authority. The Postal Service representative is located in St. Louis,  
20 Missouri and will be available by telephone for the entire duration of the settlement conference.

21 Undersigned counsel notified Plaintiffs in advance of this request and Plaintiffs do not  
22 oppose this request.

23 Respectfully submitted,

24 Dated: February 7, 2018

MCGREGOR W. SCOTT  
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26 By: /s/ Chi Soo Kim  
27 CHI SOO KIM  
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1 **ORDER**

2 Defendant's unopposed request for the telephonic appearance of the United States Postal  
3 Service representative at the settlement conference scheduled for February 22, 2018 is  
4 GRANTED. (Doc. 23). As stated in Defendant's request, the representative should be readily  
5 available for the duration of the settlement conference. The Court cautions that meaningful  
6 settlement negotiations are expected even in the absence of the representative's in-person  
7 attendance. The Court will vacate the settlement conference and consider sanctions if, at any  
8 point, the Court finds that the settlement conference will be neither a productive nor meaningful  
9 attempt to resolve all or part of this case.

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11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 Dated: February 9, 2018

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe  
13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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