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5	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
6	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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9	FRANK WELLS,	Case No. 1:17-cv-01240-DAD-EPG (PC)
10	Plaintiff,	ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR MEDIATION AND
11	V.	DENYING PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR COUNSEL AT THE MEDIATION
12	ROSA GONZALES,	(ECF NO. 76)
13	Defendant.	SEVEN (7) DAY DEADLINE
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15	Frank Wells ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this	
16	civil rights action.	
17	On January 27, 2020, Plaintiff filed a motion for mediation. (ECF No. 76). Plaintiff also	
18	asks that, if his request for mediation is granted, he be appointed pro bono counsel for the	
19	mediation. On February 4, 2020, Defendant filed her response, indicating that she is open to	
20	mediation. (ECF No. 80).	
21	Given Defendant's response, the Court will grant Plaintiff's motion for mediation.	
22	However, the Court will deny Plaintiff's request for appointment of pro bono counsel for the	
23	mediation. Plaintiff did not provide any reasons why counsel should be appointed. Additionally,	
24	the Court has reviewed the record in this case, and it appears that Plaintiff can adequately	
25	articulate his claims.	
26	Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that:	
27	1. Plaintiff's motion for mediation is GRANTED;	
28	2. Defense counsel has seven days from the date of service of this order to contact 1	

1	ADR Coordinator Sujean Park (spark@caed.uscourts.gov) to schedule a settlement	
2	conference; and	
3	3. Plaintiff's request for appointment of pro bono counsel for the mediation is DENIED.	
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5	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
6	Dated: February 5, 2020 /s/ Eni P. Story	
7	UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE	
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