

1 and speaking with Plaintiff, and after conferring with defense counsel’s supervisor, counsel finds in
2 good faith that a settlement conference would be a waste of resources,² defense counsel may move to
3 opt out of this pilot project.

4 **Within 35 days**, the assigned Deputy Attorney General **SHALL** contact the Courtroom
5 Deputy Clerk at WKusamura@caed.uscourts.gov, to schedule the settlement conference. If the
6 settlement conference cannot be set quickly due to the court’s calendar, the parties may seek an
7 extension of the initial 90-day stay.

8 Based upon the foregoing, the Court **ORDERS**:

9 1. **This action is STAYED for 90 days** to allow the parties an opportunity to settle their
10 dispute before a responsive pleading is filed, or the discovery process begins. No other pleadings or
11 other documents may be filed in this case during the stay. The parties **SHALL NOT** engage in formal
12 discovery, but they may jointly agree to engage in informal discovery.

13 2. **Within 30 days from the date of this order**, the parties **SHALL** file the attached
14 notice, indicating their agreement to proceed to an early settlement conference or whether they believe
15 settlement is not achievable at this time. In addition, they **SHALL** indicate whether they object to the
16 undersigned conducting the settlement conference.

17 3. **Within 35 days from the date of this order**, the assigned Deputy Attorney General
18 **SHALL** contact this court’s Courtroom Deputy Clerk at WKusamura@caed.uscourts.gov, to schedule
19 the settlement conference;

20 4. If the parties settle their case during the stay of this action, they **SHALL** file a Notice
21 of Settlement as required by Local Rule 160;

22 5. The Clerk of the Court **SHALL** serve via email, copies of: a. Plaintiff’s First
23 Amended Complaint (Doc. 21), b. the screening orders (Docs. 13, 18, 19, 22), and c. this order to
24 Supervising Deputy Attorney General Christopher Becker, and copy of this order to ADR
25 Coordinator Sujean Park;

26 6. **The parties are reminded of their obligation to keep the court informed of any changes**
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28 ² By way of guidance, if the defense intends to file an exhaustion motion and believes in good faith that it has a significant chance of success, this would be a likely circumstance where the opt-out provision should be employed.

1 of addresses during the stay and while the action is pending. Changes of address must be reported
2 promptly in a separate document entitled “Notice of Change of Address.” See L.R. 182(f).

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Dated: May 7, 2019

6 */s/ Sheila K. Oberto*
7 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CHARLES B. JONES,

 Plaintiff,

 v.

J. GARCIA, et al.,

 Defendants.

Case No.: 1:17-cv-01311-LJO-SKO (PC)

NOTICE REGARDING EARLY SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE

As required by the Court’s order:

1. The party or counsel for the party signing below, agrees that there is a good chance that an early settlement conference will resolve this action and wishes to engage in an early settlement conference.

Yes _____ No _____

2. The party or counsel for the party signing below, agrees the assigned Magistrate Judge may conduct the settlement conference.

Yes _____ No _____

Dated:

Plaintiff or Counsel for Defendants