

1 Plaintiff requests that a discovery schedule or any other measures that will “move the case
2 forward.” (Doc. No. 39). The Court refers all civil rights cases filed by *pro se* inmates to
3 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to attempt to resolve such cases more expeditiously and
4 less expensively. In appropriate cases, defense counsel from the California Attorney General’s
5 Office have agreed to participate in ADR. No claims, defenses, or objections are waived by the
6 parties’ participation.

7 The Court, therefore, STAYS this action for 90 days to allow the parties to investigate
8 Plaintiff’s claims, meet and confer, and participate in an early settlement conference. The Court
9 presumes that all post-screening civil rights cases assigned to the undersigned will proceed to a
10 settlement conference. However, if, after investigating Plaintiff’s claims and meeting and
11 conferring, either party finds that a settlement conference would be a waste of resources, the party
12 may opt out of the early settlement conference.

13 Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

14 1. Plaintiff’s motion for a discovery schedule (Doc. No. 39) is DENIED without
15 prejudice.

16 2. This action is **STAYED for 90** days to allow the parties an opportunity to settle
17 their dispute before the discovery process begins. No pleadings or motions may be filed in this
18 case during the stay. The parties shall not engage in formal discovery, but they may engage in
19 informal discovery to prepare for the settlement conference.

20 3. **Within 30 days** from the date of this Order, the parties shall file a notice if they
21 object to proceeding to an early settlement conference or if they believe that settlement is not
22 currently achievable. If either party objects to a settlement conference the Court will issue a
23 discovery and scheduling order.

24 4. After expiration of the objection period, by separate Order, the Court will assign
25 this matter to a United States Magistrate Judge, other than the undersigned, for conducting the
26 settlement conference.

27 5. If the parties reach a settlement prior to the settlement conference, they SHALL
28 file a Notice of Settlement as required by Local Rule 160

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6. The Clerk of Court shall serve Deputy Attorney General Jason R. Cale and Supervising Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Bragg with a copy of Plaintiff's amended complaint (Doc No. 1); the Court's screening Order and (Doc No. 19) and this Order.

7. The parties are obligated to keep the Court informed of their current addresses during the stay and the pendency of this action. Changes of address must be reported promptly in a Notice of Change of Address. *See* Local Rule 182(f).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 25, 2021


HELENA M. BARCH-KUCHTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE