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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 CHRISTOPHER G. VALENCIA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.
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14 DEBORAH SAN JUAN,

15 Defendant.
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Case No. 1:22-cv-00360-JLT-EPG (PC)

ORDER GRANTING IN PART
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF RE:
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
RESPONSIVE PLEADING AND OPT OUT
OF SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

(ECF No. 20)

17 On September 15, 2022, defendant San Juan filed a motion for: “(1) for a ninety-day
18 extension of time to file a responsive pleading through December 21, 2022; and (2) for a seventy-
19 five[-]day extension of time to opt out of a settlement conference through December 20, 2022.”
20 (ECF No. 20, p. 2). Defense counsel states that he needs the extension because the Correctional
21 Law Section of the Office of the Attorney General is currently understaffed. (*Id.* at 3). While the
22 Correctional Law Section has been working to address the issue, “multiple open positions for
23 Deputy Attorneys General remain unfilled, and the Deputy Attorneys General currently handling
24 Correctional Law Section cases will be unable to complete all appropriate casework if additional
25 cases are assigned to them.” (*Id.*).

26 The Court finds good cause to grant the motion in part. The Court finds that an extension
27 of sixty days of both deadlines, rather than ninety, is appropriate under the circumstances.

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The assigned Deputy Attorney General has until December 5, 2022, to either: (1) file a notice stating that defendant San Juan opts out of the settlement conference; or (2) contact ADR Coordinator Sujean Park (spark@caed.uscourts.gov) to schedule the settlement conference.¹
2. Defendant San Juan has until November 22, 2022, to file her responsive pleading.
3. No further extension to these deadlines will be given.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 16, 2022

/s/ Eric P. Grogan
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹ The Court notes that the assigned Deputy Attorney General may opt out of the settlement conference by filing a notice. A motion is not required.