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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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10 RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 GAVIN NEWSOM, et al.,

14 Defendants.  
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No. 2:90-cv-0520 KJM DB P

**ORDER**

16 On December 11, 1995, the court entered an order referring this matter to a Special  
17 Master and directing that the Special Master's fees and expenses be borne by the defendants as  
18 part of the costs of this action. A significant amount of work remains to be done by the Special  
19 Master and additional funds are required to pay his fees and expenses.

20 The court must take all steps necessary to ensure timely payment of the Special  
21 Master's fees and expenses. On February 4, 2020, June 5, 2020, July 23, 2020, and December 9,  
22 2020, the court increased the required deposits in light of the increase in both the Special Master's  
23 workload and his staff. *See* ECF Nos. 6455, 6703, 6784, 6977. Exigent circumstances presented  
24 by the novel coronavirus pandemic and ongoing outstanding remedial issues require an additional  
25 deposit of funds within the next thirty days.<sup>1</sup>

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27 <sup>1</sup> The uncertainties regarding the remedial path of this action in view of the issues that remain outstanding, and the  
28 ongoing impacts of the novel coronavirus pandemic, which has required formation of a special task force supervised  
by the Special Master, continue to require a substantial increase in the deposit required by this order.

Accordingly, good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Within thirty days from the date of this order, defendants shall deposit with the Clerk of the Court a one hundred and thirty-seventh interim payment of costs in the amount of **\$3,000,000.00**, which amount shall be invested in the interest-bearing account previously opened for this action; and

2. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on the Financial Department of this Court.

DATED: March 22, 2021.

  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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