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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,  
  
  Plaintiffs,  
  
                                v.  
  
GAVIN NEWSOM, et al.,  
  
  Defendants.

No. 2:90-cv-0520 KJM SCR P  
  
ORDER

The Special Master has reported to the court on the outcome of his continued discussions with the *Plata* Receiver about the possibility of the latter’s appointment as Receiver in this case. See Sept. 11, 2020 Minute Order, ECF No. 8397. The *Plata* Receiver has informed the Special Master he has concluded he cannot “serve both the *Plata* and the *Coleman* courts zealously and with fidelity as receiver in both cases” particularly because of “the significant differences between the courts’ remedial challenges.” He has therefore withdrawn his name from consideration as receiver in this action and the Special Master has so informed the court. With his permission, a copy of Receiver Kelso’s email to the Special Master is attached to this order.

The *Plata* Receiver has advised he is of the view that he and the Special Master can work collaboratively on certain issues through the existing court coordination process. The Special Master concurs with this and the court has authorized the Special Master to pursue these avenues to the extent feasible and consistent with the remedy and court orders in this action.

1           At the same time, the court will continue to move forward with identifying and hiring a  
2 receiver for this action and will issue shortly a further order setting out next steps.

3           IT IS SO ORDERED.

4           DATED: September 23, 2024.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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## ATTACHMENT

**From:** Clark Kelso <[ckelso@pacific.edu](mailto:ckelso@pacific.edu)>  
**Date:** September 19, 2024 at 8:04:18 PM EDT  
**To:** Lopes Matthew <[mlopes@pldolaw.com](mailto:mlopes@pldolaw.com)>  
**Subject: Coleman Receivership**

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12 Good morning, Matty.

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14 I wanted to briefly document my concluding thoughts regarding the possibility of serving as a  
15 receiver in *Coleman*.

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17 We began our conversation a few weeks ago when, in response to your question whether I would  
18 be willing to serve as *Coleman* receiver, I responded with a qualified “yes” but indicated I had  
19 lots of questions to think about. I appreciate the time we have been given to think and talk. After  
20 much consideration, I have concluded that I could not serve both the *Plata* and the *Coleman*  
21 courts zealously and with fidelity as receiver in both cases. Reporting to two judges, each with  
22 independent authority, would always be difficult, and it is made even more challenging here by  
23 the significant differences between the courts’ remedial challenges. I therefore respectfully  
24 withdraw my name from consideration as *Coleman* receiver.

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26 I do believe that you and I can work collaboratively through the existing court coordination  
27 process to achieve some immediate progress in matters related to suicide prevention and mental  
28 health data systems. We have previously worked well on information technology initiatives, and I  
29 already have direct responsibility for medical and nursing as it relates to suicide prevention.

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31 Best wishes,  
32 Clark

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