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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MILTON OTIS LEWIS,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
RON DAVIS, *et al.*,  
Respondent.

Case No. 2:02-cv-00013-TLN-JDP (DP)

**ORDER**  
**DIRECTING BOTH PARTIES TO SUBMIT A  
NOTICE STATING THEIR INTEREST IN  
PARTICIPATING IN A SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE**  
**RESPONSES DUE WITHIN TWENTY-ONE  
DAYS**

In his traverse, petitioner details the parties' latest efforts to engage in settlement discussions. *See* ECF No. 218 at 15-16. He explains that in 2002, the formerly assigned Magistrate Judge inquired whether this matter was suitable for a court-sponsored settlement conference. *Id.* at 15. Then-counsel for respondent explored the option but ultimately declined to participate in such a settlement conference. *Id.* Petitioner now requests that a settlement conference be set. *Id.* at 16.

In light of petitioner's request and the court's interest in assisting parties in resolving matters efficiently, both parties are directed to submit, within twenty-one days, their position on whether a settlement conference should be set. The parties need not submit lengthy filings; the

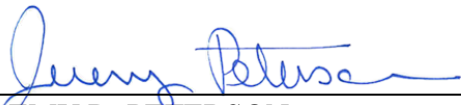
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notices should simply include the parties' interest in participating in a settlement conference.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file, within twenty-one days, a notice addressing their interest in participating in a settlement conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 12, 2024

  
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JEREMY D. PETERSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE