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2 of Local Rule 123 (E.D. Cal. 2005). Accordingly, the assignment of  
3 the matters to the same judge and magistrate judge is likely to  
4 affect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is also likely  
5 to be convenient for the parties.

6 The parties should be aware that relating the cases under  
7 Local Rule 123 merely has the result that these actions are  
8 assigned to the same judge and magistrate judge; no consolidation  
9 of the actions is effected. Under the regular practice of this  
10 court, related cases are generally assigned to the judge and  
11 magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned.

12 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:06-CV-  
13 00549 MCE-DAD be reassigned to Judge John A. Mendez and Magistrate  
14 Judge Dale A. Drozd for all further proceedings, and any dates  
15 currently set in this reassigned case only are hereby VACATED.  
16 Henceforth, the caption on documents filed in the reassigned cases  
17 shall be shown as 2:06-CV-00549-JAM-DAD. Defendants' request that  
18 the Court sua sponte consolidate these actions (Doc. # 81) is  
19 DENIED, but the parties may stipulate to consolidation.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make  
21 appropriate adjustment in the assignment of civil cases to  
22 compensate for this reassignment.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: March 21, 2013

25 /s/ John A. Mendez  
26 JOHN A. MENDEZ  
27 United States District Court Judge  
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