

1 Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

2 1. Not later than twenty-one (21) days from the date of this order, the parties shall file
3 status reports¹ briefly describing the case and addressing the following:

4 a. Progress in service of process;

5 b. Possible joinder of additional parties;

6 c. Expected or desired amendment of pleadings;

7 d. Jurisdiction and venue;

8 e. Anticipated motions and their scheduling;

9 f. The report required by Rule 26 outlining the proposed discovery plan and its
10 scheduling, including disclosure of expert witnesses;

11 g. Cut-off dates for discovery and law and motion, and dates for pretrial
12 conference and trial;

13 h. Special procedures, if any;

14 I. Estimated trial time;

15 j. Modifications of standard pretrial procedures due to the simplicity or
16 complexity of the proceedings;

17 k. Whether the case is related to any other cases, including bankruptcy;

18 l. Whether a settlement conference should be scheduled;

19 m. Whether counsel will stipulate to the magistrate judge assigned to this matter
20 acting as settlement judge and waiving disqualification by virtue of his so acting, or whether they
21 prefer to have a settlement conference conducted before another judge;

22 n. Any other matters that may add to the just and expeditious disposition of this
23 matter.

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26 ¹ The parties are encouraged, when possible, to file a joint status report.

1 2. Counsel are reminded of their continuing duty to notify chambers immediately of any
2 settlement or other disposition. *See* L.R. 160. In addition, the parties are cautioned that pursuant
3 to Local Rule 230(c), opposition to granting of a motion must be filed fourteen (14) days
4 preceding the noticed hearing date. The Rule further provides that “[n]o party will be entitled to
5 be heard in opposition to a motion at oral arguments if written opposition to the motion has not
6 been timely filed by that party.” Moreover, Local Rule 230(j) provides that failure to appear
7 may be deemed withdrawal of opposition to the motion or may result in sanctions. Finally,
8 Local Rule 110 provides that failure to comply with the Local Rules “may be grounds for
9 imposition of any and all sanctions authorized by statute or Rule or within the inherent power of
10 the Court.”

11 3. The parties may consent to have this case before the assigned magistrate judge for all
12 purposes. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). The Clerk of the Court is directed to resend consent forms to
13 the parties. The parties shall return the consent forms within fourteen (14) days of the date of
14 this order to inform the court whether they consent or decline such assignment.

15 DATED: November 16, 2011.

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17 EDMUND F. BRENNAN
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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