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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DONALD NELSON, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

No. CIV S-09-2776 JAM EFB P

vs.

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT, et al.,

ORDER DIRECTING THE FILING OF
PRETRIAL STATEMENTS

Defendants.

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Plaintiffs are prisoners proceeding with counsel in an action brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. A final pretrial conference is set before the undersigned on Wednesday June 20, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., in Courtroom No. 24. Counsel are cautioned that counsel appearing for pretrial will in fact try the matter. Counsel for all parties are to be fully prepared for trial at the time of the pretrial conference, with no matters remaining to be accomplished except production of witnesses for oral testimony. Counsel are referred to Local Rules 281 and 282 relating to pretrial statements and conferences. A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LOCAL RULES 281 AND 282 WILL BE GROUNDS FOR SANCTIONS.

The parties shall file a *joint pretrial statement* not later than fourteen days prior to the pretrial conference. The joint pretrial statement shall conform with the requirements of Local

1 Rule 281(b). Where the parties are unable to agree as to what factual issues are properly before
2 the court for trial, they should nevertheless list in the section on “DISPUTED FACTUAL
3 ISSUES” all issues asserted by any of the parties and explain by parenthetical the controversy
4 concerning each issue. The parties should keep in mind that, in general, each fact should relate
5 or correspond to an element of the relevant cause of action. The parties should also keep in mind
6 that the purpose of listing the disputed factual issues is to apprise the court and all parties about
7 the precise *issues* that will be litigated at trial. *The court is not interested in a listing of all*
8 *evidentiary facts underlying the issues that are in dispute.*

9 Pursuant to Local Rule 281(b), the parties are required to provide in their pretrial
10 statement a list of witnesses and exhibits that they propose to proffer at trial, no matter for what
11 purpose. These lists shall not be contained in the pretrial statement itself, but shall be attached as
12 separate documents to be used as addenda to the final pretrial order. Plaintiff’s exhibits shall be
13 listed numerically; defendant’s exhibits shall be listed alphabetically.

14 Counsel are reminded that, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, it will be their
15 duty at the pretrial conference to aid the court in (a) formulation and simplification of issues and
16 the elimination of meritless claims or defenses; (b) settling of facts which should be properly
17 admitted; and (c) avoidance of unnecessary proof and cumulative evidence. The parties must
18 prepare their joint pretrial statement, and participate in good faith at the pretrial conference, with
19 these aims in mind. A FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF
20 SANCTIONS which may include monetary sanctions, orders precluding proof, eliminations of
21 claims or defenses, or such other sanctions as the court deems appropriate.

22 So ordered.

23 DATED: April 26, 2012.

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EDMUND F. BRENNAN
25 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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