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

HEATHER KOVAC,

Plaintiff,  
vs.

Case No. CIV S-10-0074 EFB

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

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This action was reassigned to the undersigned pursuant to the parties' consents. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636.

Pursuant to the order reassigning the case, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. A Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference is set for September 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom No. 24 before the undersigned.

2. Not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Status Conference, the parties shall file status reports<sup>1</sup> briefly describing the case and addressing the following:

- a. Progress in service of process;
- b. Possible joinder of additional parties;

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<sup>1</sup> The parties are encouraged, when possible, to file a joint status report.

- 1 c. Expected or desired amendment of pleadings;
- 2 d. Jurisdiction and venue;
- 3 e. Anticipated motions and their scheduling;
- 4 f. The report required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26 outlining the
- 5 proposed discovery plan and its scheduling, including disclosure of expert witnesses;
- 6 g. Cut-off dates for discovery and law and motion, and dates for pretrial
- 7 conference and trial;
- 8 h. Special procedures, if any;
- 9 i. Estimated trial time;
- 10 j. Modifications of standard pretrial procedures due to the simplicity or
- 11 complexity of the proceedings;
- 12 k. Whether the case is related to any other cases, including bankruptcy;
- 13 l. Whether a settlement conference should be scheduled;
- 14 m. Whether counsel will stipulate to the magistrate judge assigned to this matter
- 15 acting as settlement judge and waiving disqualification by virtue of his so acting, or whether they
- 16 prefer to have a settlement conference conducted before another judge;
- 17 n. Any other matters that may add to the just and expeditious disposition of this
- 18 matter.

19 3. Failing to obey federal or local rules, or order of this court, may result in dismissal of  
20 this action. Even though the court will construe pro se pleadings liberally, pro se litigants must  
21 comply with the procedural rules.

22 4. Plaintiff and counsel are reminded of their continuing duty to notify chambers  
23 immediately of any settlement or other disposition. *See* L.R. 160. In addition, the parties are  
24 cautioned that pursuant to Local Rule 230(c), opposition to granting of a motion must be filed  
25 fourteen (14) days preceding the noticed hearing date. The Rule further provides that “[n]o party  
26 will be entitled to be heard in opposition to a motion at oral arguments if written opposition to

1 the motion has not been timely filed by that party.” Moreover, Local Rule 230(i) provides  
2 that failure to appear may be deemed withdrawal of opposition to the motion or may result in  
3 sanctions. Finally, Local Rule 110 provides that failure to comply with the Local Rules “may  
4 be grounds for imposition of any and all sanctions authorized by statute or Rule or within the  
5 inherent power of the Court.”

6 DATED: July 27, 2010.

  
EDMUND F. BRENNAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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