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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED
AIR POLLUTION DISTRICT,

Plaintiffs,

No. CIV S-11-0590 EFB

vs.

FORWARD, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER

On June 24, 2011, this action was reassigned to the undersigned based on the consent of the parties, and all hearing dates then set before the district judge were vacated. *See* Dckt. No. 13; *see also* E.D. Cal. L.R. 305; 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Because this case has not yet been scheduled pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b), a status (pretrial scheduling) conference will be set before the undersigned.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. A Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference is set for August 10, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom No. 24 before the undersigned.

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1 2. Not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Status Conference, the parties shall file
2 status reports¹ briefly describing the case and addressing the following:

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

23 3. Failing to obey federal or local rules, or order of this court, may result in dismissal of
24 this action. Even though the court will construe pro se pleadings liberally, pro se litigants must

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

1 comply with the procedural rules.

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

12 DATED: June 27, 2011.

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14 EDMUND F. BRENNAN
15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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