1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 ----00000----11 12 STEPHEN R. DE SENA, NO. CIV. 2:11-1715 WBS GGH Plaintiff, 13 14 v. 15 AMERICAN RED CROSS OF NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA, 16 AMERICAN RED CROSS a local chapter of the AMERICAN RED CROSS, THREE RIVERS CHAPTER, 17 AMERICAN RED CROSS a local 18 chapter of the AMERICAN RED CROSS Does 1 through 25, inclusive, 19 20 Defendants. 21 ----00000----22 23 STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) ORDER After reviewing the parties' Joint Status Report, the 24 25 court hereby vacates the Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference 26 scheduled for October 17, 2011. 27 I. SERVICE OF PROCESS 28 The named defendants have been served and no further 1

service is permitted without leave of court, good cause having been shown under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b).

## II. JOINDER OF PARTIES/AMENDMENTS

No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings will be permitted except with leave of court, good cause having been shown under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b). See Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604 (9th Cir. 1992).

## III. JURISDICTION/VENUE

Jurisdiction is predicated upon the American National Red Cross's chartered power to "sue and be sued" in federal court, Am. Nat'l Red Cross v. S.G., 505 U.S. 247, 257 (1992). Venue is undisputed and is hereby found to be proper.

## IV. DISCOVERY

The parties agreed to serve the initial disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) by no later than November 7, 2011.

The parties shall disclose experts and produce reports in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) by no later than June 22, 2012. With regard to expert testimony intended solely for rebuttal, those experts shall be disclosed and reports produced in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) on or before July 6, 2012.

All discovery, including depositions for preservation of testimony, is left open, save and except that it shall be so conducted as to be <u>completed</u> by July 30, 2012. The word "completed" means that all discovery shall have been conducted so that all depositions have been taken and any disputes relevant to

discovery shall have been resolved by appropriate order if necessary and, where discovery has been ordered, the order has been obeyed. All motions to compel discovery must be noticed on the magistrate judge's calendar in accordance with the local rules of this court and so that such motions may be heard (and any resulting orders obeyed) not later than July 30, 2012.

## V. MOTION HEARING SCHEDULE

All motions, except motions for continuances, temporary restraining orders, or other emergency applications, shall be filed on or before December 17, 2012. All motions shall be noticed for the next available hearing date. Counsel are cautioned to refer to the local rules regarding the requirements for noticing and opposing such motions on the court's regularly scheduled law and motion calendar.

#### VI. FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

The Final Pretrial Conference is set for February 19, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom No. 5. The conference shall be attended by at least one of the attorneys who will conduct the trial for each of the parties and by any unrepresented parties.

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 shall file separate pretrial statements, and are referred to Local Rules 16-281 and 16-282 relating to the contents of and time for filing those statements. In addition to those subjects listed in Local Rule 16-281(b), the parties are to provide the court with: (1) a plain, concise statement which identifies every non-discovery motion which has been made to the

court, and its resolution; (2) a list of the remaining claims as against each defendant; and (3) the estimated number of trial days.

In providing the plain, concise statements of undisputed facts and disputed factual issues contemplated by Local Rule 16-281(b)(3)-(4), the parties shall emphasize the claims that remain at issue, and any remaining affirmatively pled defenses thereto. If the case is to be tried to a jury, the parties shall also prepare a succinct statement of the case, which is appropriate for the court to read to the jury.

## VII. TRIAL SETTING

The jury trial is set for April 16, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. The parties estimate that the trial will last three to five court days.

## VIII. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

A Settlement Conference will be set at the time of the Pretrial Conference. All parties should be prepared to advise the court whether they will stipulate to the trial judge acting as settlement judge and waive disqualification by virtue thereof.

Counsel are instructed to have a principal with full settlement authority present at the Settlement Conference or to be fully authorized to settle the matter on any terms. At least seven calendar days before the Settlement Conference counsel for each party shall submit a confidential Settlement Conference Statement for review by the settlement judge. If the settlement judge is not the trial judge, the Settlement Conference Statements shall not be filed and will not otherwise be disclosed to the trial judge.

# IX. MODIFICATIONS TO SCHEDULING ORDER

Any requests to modify the dates or terms of this Scheduling Order, except requests to change the date of the trial, may be heard and decided by the assigned Magistrate Judge. All requests to change the trial date shall be heard and decided only by the undersigned judge.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: October 4, 2011