IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA RUDOLPH DURAN, 2:11-cv-02312-GEB-CKD Plaintiff, STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) v. ORDER STOCKTON RECYCLING, INC., Defendant.1 

The status (pretrial scheduling) conference scheduled for hearing on November 14, 2011, is vacated since the parties' Joint Status Report filed on October 31, 2011 ("JSR") indicates the following Order should issue.

# DISMISSAL OF DOE DEFENDANTS

Since Plaintiff has not justified Doe defendants remaining in this action, Does 1 through 50 are dismissed. <u>See</u> Order Setting Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference filed August 31, 2011, at 2 n.2 (indicating that if justification for "Doe" defendant allegations not provided Doe defendants would be dismissed).

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$   $\,$  The caption has been amended according to the  $\underline{\mbox{Dismissal of Doe}}$   $\underline{\mbox{Defendants}}$  portion of this Order.

# SERVICE, JOINDER OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES, AMENDMENT

No further service, joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings is permitted, except with leave of Court for good cause shown.

### DISCOVERY

All discovery shall be completed by August 17, 2012. In this context, "completed" means that all discovery shall have been conducted so that all depositions have been taken and any disputes relative to discovery shall have been resolved by appropriate orders, if necessary, and, where discovery has been ordered, the order has been complied with or, alternatively, the time allowed for such compliance shall have expired.

Each party shall comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B) and (C)'s initial expert witness disclosure requirements on or before May 1, 2012, and any contradictory and/or rebuttal expert disclosure authorized under Rule 26(a)(2)(D)(ii) on or before June 1, 2012.

# MOTION HEARING SCHEDULE

The last hearing date for a motion is October 17, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m. A motion shall be briefed as prescribed in Local Rule 230.

The parties are cautioned that an untimely motion characterized as a motion in limine may be summarily denied. A motion in limine addresses the admissibility of evidence.

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This time deadline does not apply to motions for continuances, temporary restraining orders, emergency applications, or motions under Rule 16(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

# FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

The final pretrial conference is set for December 17, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. The parties are cautioned that the lead attorney who WILL TRY THE CASE for each party shall attend the final pretrial conference. In addition, all persons representing themselves and appearing <u>in propriates persona</u> must attend the pretrial conference.

The parties are warned that non-trial worthy issues could be eliminated sua sponte "[i]f the pretrial conference discloses that no material facts are in dispute and that the undisputed facts entitle one of the parties to judgment as a matter of law." Portsmouth Square v. S'holders Protective Comm., 770 F.2d 866, 869 (9th Cir. 1985).

The parties shall file a **JOINT** pretrial statement no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the final pretrial conference.<sup>3</sup> The joint pretrial statement shall specify the issues for trial, including a description of each theory of liability and affirmative defense, and shall estimate the length of the trial.<sup>4</sup> The Court uses the parties' joint pretrial statement to prepare its final pretrial order and could issue the final pretrial order without holding the scheduled final pretrial conference. See Mizwicki v. Helwig, 196 F.3d 828, 833 (7th Cir. 1999) ("There is no requirement that the court hold a pretrial conference.").

The failure of one or more of the parties to participate in the preparation of any joint document required to be filed in this case does not excuse the other parties from their obligation to timely file the document in accordance with this Order. In the event a party fails to participate as ordered, the party or parties timely submitting the document shall include a declaration explaining why they were unable to obtain the cooperation of the other party.

If a trial by jury has been preserved, the joint pretrial statement shall also state how much time each party desires for voir dire, opening statements, and closing arguments.

If possible, at the time of filing the joint pretrial statement counsel shall also email it in a format compatible with WordPerfect to: geborders@caed.uscourts.gov. TRIAL SETTING Trial shall commence at 9:00 a.m. on March 26, 2013. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: November 7, 2011 United States District Judge