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

CYNTHIA O'CONNER,)	
)	2:11-cv-02803-GEB-CMK
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	<u>STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING)</u>
)	<u>ORDER</u>
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Defendant.*)	
_____)	

The status (pretrial scheduling) conference scheduled for hearing on February 27, 2012, is vacated since the parties' Joint Status Report filed on February 13, 2012 ("JSR") indicates the following Order should issue.

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.

* The caption has been amended according to Defendant's "Notice of Substitution of United States of America as Federal Defendant" and attached "Certification of Scope of Federal Employment" under 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d) of the Federal Tort Claims ("FTCA"), which were filed on December 14, 2011. (ECF No. 7.) 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d) (1) prescribes: "Upon certification by the Attorney General that the defendant employee was acting within the scope of his office or employment at the time of the incident out of which the claim arose, any civil action or proceeding commenced upon such claim in a United States district court shall be deemed an action against the United States . . . and the United States shall be substituted as the party defendant."

