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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STEPHEN J. DOUGAN,  
Plaintiff,

No. 2:09-mc-0052 FCD DAD

v.

**RELATED CASE ORDER**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Defendant.  
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STEPHEN J. DOUGAN,  
Plaintiff,

No. 2:11-mc-0065 JAM KJN

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Defendant.  
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Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a) (E.D. Cal. 1997). The actions involve the same parties, are based on the same or similar claims, the same property transaction or event, similar questions of fact and the same questions of law, and would therefore entail a substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges. Accordingly, the assignment of the matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

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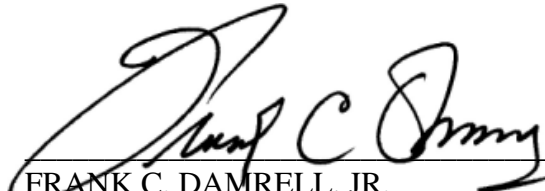
1 The parties should be aware that relating the cases under Local Rule 123 merely has the  
2 result that these actions are assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the actions is  
3 effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related cases are generally assigned to the  
4 judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned.

5 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:11-mc-0065 JAM KJN  
6 is reassigned to District Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr., and Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd for all  
7 further proceedings, and any dates currently set in this reassigned case only are hereby  
8 VACATED. Henceforth, the caption on documents filed in the reassigned case shall be shown  
9 as: **2:11-mc-0065 FCD DAD.**

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court make appropriate adjustment in the  
11 assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 DATED: July 26, 2011

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16 FRANK C. DAMRELL, JR.  
17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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