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 28 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

19 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND STATE OF )	CASE NO. 2:13-cv-1697 KJM-KJN
20 CALIFORNIA EX REL. REBECCA HANDAL, )	
21 DINA DOMINGUEZ, ELICIA A. FERNANDEZ )	<b>JOINT STIPULATION AND</b>
22 AND CHRISTINE STEARNS, )	<b>ORDER TO CONTINUE</b>
23 )	<b>PRETRIAL CONFERENCE</b>
24 Plaintiffs, )	
25 vs. )	
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27 CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, A )	
28 CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION, )	
Defendant. )	
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1 Pursuant to Local Rules 143 and 230(f), Plaintiffs Rebecca Handal, Dina Dominguez,  
2 Elicia A. Fernandez, and Christine Stearns (“relators”) and Defendant Center for Employment  
3 Training (“CET”) (collectively, the “Parties”), by and through their respective counsel of  
4 record, hereby jointly request a continuance of the Pretrial Conference currently set for March  
5 22, 2019. Good cause exists to continue the Pretrial Conference in that the parties have agreed  
6 to engage in a settlement conference prior to trial. In support thereof, the Parties state as  
7 follows:

8 1. In its Original Pretrial Scheduling Order, the Court set January 19, 2018 as the  
9 date for the filing of a joint Pretrial Conference Statement and February 9, 2018 as the date for  
10 the Pretrial Conference.

11 2. After the hearing on CET’s Motion for Summary Judgment, the Court vacated  
12 those dates, pending a ruling on the Motion.

13 3. On February 4, 2019, the Court denied CET’s Motion for Summary Judgment  
14 and set March 1, 2019 as the date on which the Parties must file a joint Pretrial Conference  
15 Statement and March 22, 2019 as the date of the Pretrial Conference. The Court did not set a  
16 trial date.

17 4. As of this date, the Parties have not engaged in any settlement discussions. With  
18 the denial of the Motion for Summary Judgment, the Parties believe it would be productive to  
19 explore the possibility of settlement.

20 5. Therefore, in order to conserve resources and enable them to prepare for and  
21 engage in such discussions, the Parties respectfully suggest that it is in the interests of justice  
22 to extend the dates for the filing of the Joint Pretrial Conference Statement and the Pretrial  
23 Conference until after they have had an opportunity to pursue a possible settlement.

24 6. The Parties believe that a Court Settlement Conference pursuant to Local  
25 Rule 270 is the appropriate vehicle for pursuing settlement discussions and move the Court to  
26 refer this matter to a Magistrate of this Court to conduct such a conference. The Parties ask  
27 that the referral Order set a deadline for the completion of settlement discussions of April 15,  
28 2019.

1           7.     The Parties also request the Court set May 17, 2019 as the date for the filing of a  
2 Joint Pretrial Conference Statement and June 14, 2019 as the date for the Pretrial Conference  
3 in the event that the Parties are not able to settle the case by April 15, 2019.

4           8.     The Parties also advise the Court that they are available for trial in the matter in  
5 the month of October 2019 in the event that the Court also wants to set a trial date.

6           **IT IS SO STIPULATED**

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8 Dated: February 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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1 **ORDER**

2 Pursuant to the Stipulation filed by the Parties and good cause appearing, the courts  
3 ORDERS a settlement conference SET for March 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 24 before  
4 Magistrate Judge Carolyn K. Delaney. Parties are instructed to have a principal with full  
5 settlement authority present at the Settlement Conference or to be fully authorized to settle the  
6 matter on any terms. The individual with full authority to settle must also have “unfettered  
7 discretion and authority” to change the settlement position of the party, if appropriate. The  
8 purpose behind requiring the attendance of a person with full settlement authority is that the  
9 parties’ view of the case may be altered during the face to face conference. An authorization to  
10 settle for a limited dollar amount or sum certain can be found not to comply with the requirement  
11 of full authority to settle. The parties are directed to submit their confidential settlement  
12 conference statements to the Court using the following email address:  
13 ckdorders@caed.uscourts.gov. If a party desires to share additional confidential information  
14 with the Court, they may do so pursuant to the provisions of Local Rule 270(d) and (e).  
15 Statements are due at least 7 days prior to the Settlement Conference. Upon submission of  
16 confidential settlement statements, each party shall file on the docket a "Notice of Submission  
17 of Settlement Conference Statement.”

18 The Pretrial Conference currently set for March 22, 2019 is VACATED, and RESET for  
19 June 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., with the parties to file a Joint Pretrial Conference Statement by  
20 May 31, 2019.

21 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

22 DATED: February 21, 2019

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25 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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