

1 where he has no access to a law library. As the docket reflects, this court previously found that
2 extraordinary circumstances in this case warrant the appointment of counsel; this finding is now
3 both underscored and urgent. The court endeavored without success to obtain appointed counsel
4 for plaintiff and then, through repeated requests to the Office of the California Attorney General
5 and prison officials, sought to ensure that adequate support services were available to plaintiff to
6 pursue this action on his own.

7 Because time is now of the essence, the court's Pro Bono Coordinator will again be tasked
8 with seeking to locate an attorney willing to represent plaintiff, for the limited purposes of
9 meeting with plaintiff, reviewing his documents, and participating in a mandatory settlement
10 conference. Appointed counsel may conduct limited discovery if necessary, on an expedited and
11 informal basis, to review and/or obtain all of plaintiff's relevant medical records (including
12 through the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation) and any relevant documents
13 in each of the defendants' possession. Defendants are directed to promptly produce all relevant
14 documents. No discovery may be sought from plaintiff, as all of plaintiff's relevant documents
15 appear to be attached to his SAC (335 pages). No depositions will be conducted at this time.

16 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

17 1. Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel, ECF No. 94, is granted.

18 2. The Clerk of Court is directed to contact Sujean Park, Alternative Dispute Resolution
19 Coordinator, for the following purposes:

20 A. To expeditiously locate an attorney admitted to practice in this court who is
21 willing to accept appointment to represent plaintiff for the limited purposes noted above;
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23 B. After locating counsel willing to accept appointment on plaintiff's behalf, to
24 schedule a mandatory settlement conference within the following two to three months.

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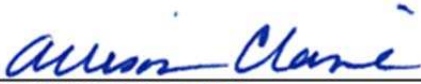
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3. The Clerk of Court is also directed to send plaintiff, together with a copy of this order,
a copy of the court's order filed March 15, 2017 (ECF No. 93).

SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 31, 2017



ALLISON CLAIRE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE