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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MATTHEW JOHN VASSEL,
Plaintiff,

v.

CARSON HELICOPTERS, INC., et al.,
Defendants.

No. 2:13-cv-02520-KJM-CMK

HOUSTON CASUALTY COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

v.

STEVE METHENY, LEVI PHILLIPS, and
MATTHEW JOHN VASSEL,
Defendants.

No. 2:14-cv-01377-JAM-CKD

RELATED CASE ORDER

Examination of the above-captioned actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a). Here, “both actions involve similar questions of fact and the same question of law and their assignment to the same Judge or Magistrate Judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort.” Local Rule 123(a)(3). Accordingly, the assignment of

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1 these matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is
2 likely to be convenient for the parties.

3 The parties should be aware that relating cases under Rule 123 causes the actions
4 to be assigned to the same judge – it does not consolidate the actions. Under Rule 123, related
5 cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was
6 assigned.

7 As a result, it is hereby ORDERED that 2:14-cv-01377-JAM-CKD is reassigned
8 from the Honorable Judge John A. Mendez to the undersigned and from Magistrate Judge
9 Carolyn K. Delaney to Magistrate Judge Craig M. Kellison. Henceforth, the caption on
10 documents filed in the reassigned case shall be shown as: 2:14-cv-01377-KJM-CMK.

11 It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make appropriate adjustment in
12 the assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

14 DATED: August 6, 2014

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18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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