1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE No. 2:14-cv-01513-MCE-DB OF PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT 12 WORKS: and CENTRAL VALLEY CLEAN WATER ASSOCIATION, 13 Plaintiffs, 14 ٧. 15 **RELATED CASE ORDER** UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL 16 PROTECTION AGENCY; and ALEXIS STRAUSS, ACTING REGIONAL 17 ADMINISTRATOR, UNITED STATES **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** 18 AGENCY, REGION IX, 19 Defendants. 20 21 The Court has received the Notice of Related Case filed on January 5, 2017. 22 Examination of the above-entitled civil actions reveals that these actions are 23 related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a) (E.D. Cal. 1997). The actions involve 24 many of the same defendants and are based on the same or similar claims, the same 25 property transaction or event, similar questions of fact and the same questions of law, 26 and would therefore entail a substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges. 27 /// 28 ///

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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.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:16-cv-02960-JAM-KJN be reassigned to Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. for all further proceedings, and any dates currently set in 2:16-cv-02960-JAM-KJN are hereby VACATED. The Clerk of the Court is to issue the Initial Pretrial Scheduling Order. Henceforth, the caption on documents filed in the reassigned shall be shown as 2:16-cv-02960-MCE-DB.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 17, 2017

MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE