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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 No. 2:14-cv-01612-MCE-KJN GLOBAL COMMUNITY MONITOR, a California nonprofit corporation; 12 LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL UNION 13 NO. 783, an organized labor union; ORDER RANDAL SIPES, JR., an individual; 14 and RUSSEL COVINGTON, an individual. 15 Plaintiffs. 16 ٧. 17 MAMMOTH PACIFIC, L.P., a California 18 Limited Partnership; ORMAT NEVADA, INC., a Delaware Corporation; ORMAT 19 TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a Delaware Corporation; and DOES I-X, inclusive, 20 Defendants. 21 22 23 This case is here on remand after the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed in 24 part this Court's order imposing sanctions in the amount of \$1500 on Defendants' 25 counsel. The appellate court determined that: (1) "to the extent the district court based 26 its decision to sanction defendants on the grounds that their filings were frivolous and 27 violated the court's warning not to use footnotes to avoid page limits, [this Court] did not

abuse its discretion"; but (2) "to the extent the district court based its decision on the

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ground that the defendants' filings exceeded the page limits set by the Pretrial Scheduling Order, it was clearly erroneous." ECF No. 115 at 1. That court thus remanded for this Court to make "a determination of whether sanctions are appropriate in light of the correct page limits." <u>Id.</u> at 2. Having reviewed the decision of the appellate court and the record in its entirety, the Court hereby modifies its sanctions order as follows:

- To the extent sanctions were imposed for violating the Court's page limitations, that order is VACATED;
- 2. The imposition of sanctions based on Defendants' frivolous filings and use of footnotes is AFFIRMED;
- 3. The amount of the sanctions is therefore reduced from \$1500 to \$750; and
- 4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to disburse \$750 from the \$1500 collected on January 30, 2017, to Holland and Hart LLP.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 24, 2018

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE