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WILLIAM A. SASSMAN,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., Governor  
of California, et al.,

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Defendants.

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MICHAEL S. BERMAN, et al.,

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Plaintiffs,

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v.

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EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., Governor  
of California, et al.,

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Defendants.

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The Court has received the Notice of Related Case filed on August 13, 2015.

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Examination of the above-entitled civil actions reveals that these actions are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a) (E.D. Cal. 1997). The actions involve many of the same defendants and are based on the same or similar claims, the same property transaction or event, similar questions of fact and the same questions of law, and would therefore entail a substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. 2:14-cv-01679 MCE-KJN

**RELATED CASE ORDER**

No. 2:15-cv-01722 JAM-AC

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


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

8 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:15-cv-01722 JAM-  
9 AC, Michael S. Berman, et al. vs. Edmund G. Brown, Jr., et al. is reassigned to Chief  
10 Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. and Magistrate Judge Kendall J. Newman for all further  
11 proceedings, and any dates currently set in this reassigned case only are hereby  
12 VACATED. The Clerk of the Court is to issue an Order Requiring Joint Status Report.  
13 Henceforth, the caption on documents filed in the reassigned case shall be shown as  
14 2:15-cv-01722-MCE-KJN.

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

17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 Dated: August 31, 2015

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22 MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR., CHIEF JUDGE  
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