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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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8 SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL,
9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 KAMALA D. HARRIS, in her
12 official capacity as the
13 Attorney General of
14 California,
Defendant.

No. 2:14-cv-01856-GEB-AC

**ORDER GRANTING AMICI'S MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO FILE AN AMICUS
CURIAE BRIEF**

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16 The Humane Society of the United States and The Fund
17 for Animals (collectively "Amici") seek leave to file an amicus
18 curiae brief in support of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss
19 Plaintiff's Complaint. Plaintiff seeks an injunction preventing
20 enforcement of "California's ban on the importation,
21 transportation, and possession of mountain lions hunted outside
22 of California." (Compl. ¶ 1, ECF No. 2.)

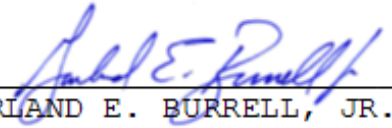
23 Plaintiff opposes Amici's leave request, arguing that
24 Amici's proposed brief is "irrelevant[,]. . . inappropriate" and
25 prejudicial since granting the motion will have a negative impact
26 on the briefing and hearing on Defendant's pending dismissal
27 motion. (Pl.'s Opp'n Humane Society of the United States Mot.
28 Leave File Amicus Curiae Brief ("Opp'n") 7:6, ECF No. 21.)

1 “The district court has broad discretion to appoint
2 amici curiae.” Hoptowit v. Ray, 682 F.2d 1237, 1260 (9th Cir.
3 1982) abrogation on other grounds recognized by Rainwater v.
4 McGinness, 559 Fed. App’x 635, 635 (9th Cir. 2014). “District
5 courts frequently welcome amicus briefs from nonparties
6 concerning legal issues that have potential ramifications beyond
7 the parties directly involved or if the amicus has ‘unique
8 information or perspective that can help the court beyond the
9 help that the lawyers for the parties are able to provide.’” NGV
10 Gaming, Ltd. v. Upstream Point Molate, LLC, 335 F. Supp., 2d
11 1016, 1067 (N.D. Cal. 2005) (quotation omitted). “Even when a
12 party is very well represented, an amicus may provide important
13 assistance to the court.” Jamul Action Comm. v. Stevens, No.
14 2:13-cv-01920-KJM-KJN, 2014 WL 3853148, at *5 (E.D. Cal. Aug. 5,
15 2014) (quotation omitted).

16 Amici’s proposed brief (ECF No. 18-2) contains
17 information that is not part of Defendant’s motion, and a
18 continuance of the scheduled dismissal motion can accommodate
19 Plaintiff’s concerns regarding the timing of the motion.

20 Therefore, Amici’s motion for leave to file an amicus
21 brief is GRANTED and the hearing on Defendant’s motion to dismiss
22 scheduled for argument on February 2, 2015 is rescheduled to
23 commence at 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 2015.

24 Dated: January 13, 2015

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28 GARIAND E. BURRELL, JR.
Senior United States District Judge