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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM F. RUSSELL,
Plaintiff,
v.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendant.

No.: 2:14-cv-02209-KJM-DAD

ORDER

Plaintiff filed a negligence action against defendant on September 23, 2015. (ECF 1.) On April 27, 2015, the parties participated in the court's Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program (VDRP) and reached settlement. *See* ECF No. 12. On May 5, 2015, the parties filed a stipulated settlement agreement and proposed order approving the settlement. (ECF 13.) In the settlement agreement, the parties request that this court retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement agreement. (*Id.* at 4.)

By this order, the court APPROVES the parties' stipulation and dismisses the action with prejudice. However, the court in its discretion declines to maintain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the parties' settlement agreement. *Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am.*, 511 U.S. 375, 381 (1994); *cf. Collins v. Thompson*, 8 F.3d 657, 659 (9th Cir. 1993). Unless there is some independent basis for federal jurisdiction, enforcement of the agreement is for state courts. *Kokkonen*, 511 U.S. at 382.

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IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED: June 4, 2015.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE