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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL F. BURKART, CHAPTER 7  
TRUSTEE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SONNY STEELE,

Defendants.

No. 2:15-cv-00757-MCE-KJN

- To be related to:**  
 2:14-cv-02671-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02672-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02673-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02674-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02675-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02676-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02677-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02678-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02679-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02680-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02681-KJM-KJN  
 2:14-cv-02682-KJM-KJN

ORDER

Examination of the above-captioned actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a). Here, “both actions involve similar questions of fact and the same question of law and their assignment to the same Judge or Magistrate Judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort.” Local Rule 123(a)(3). Accordingly, the assignment of these matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is likely to be convenient for the parties.

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The parties should be aware that relating cases under Rule 123 causes the actions to be assigned to the same judge—it does not consolidate the actions. Under Rule 123, related cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned.

As a result, it is hereby ORDERED that No. 2:15-cv-00757-MCE-KJN is reassigned from Chief Judge Morrison C. England, Jr., to the undersigned. The caption on documents filed in the reassigned case shall be shown as 2:15-cv-00757-KJM-KJN

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make appropriate adjustment in the assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 15, 2015.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE