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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FRANCOIS P. GIVENS,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. 2:15-cv-0720-JAM-KJN PS

ORDER

An initial status (pretrial scheduling) conference in this case is presently scheduled for March 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom No. 25 before Judge Newman. (ECF No. 26.) Plaintiff, who is presently incarcerated, has filed a request for appearance by videoconference at the status conference. (ECF No. 34.) Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. No later than March 9, 2017, the parties shall meet and confer, and file a joint status report addressing the topics outlined in the court’s November 7, 2016 order setting status conference. (See ECF No. 26 at 2-3.)
2. No later than March 9, 2017, defendants shall designate whether or not they consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge for all purposes pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Defendants are under no obligation to so consent, but the designation assists

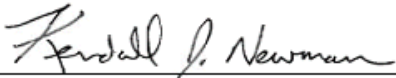
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the court in determining how the case should be scheduled.<sup>1</sup>

3. Plaintiff's request to appear by videoconference at the status conference (ECF No. 34) is GRANTED, and the Clerk of Court is directed to issue a writ to effectuate that appearance.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 22, 2017

  
KENDALL J. NEWMAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff has already filed a consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge for all purposes pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). (ECF No. 7.)