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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSEPH BUFFKIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

J. FISK,

Defendant.

No. 2:15-cv-0802-EFB P

ORDER

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. On or before June 26, 2015, the parties shall file status reports¹ briefly describing the case and addressing the following:
 - a. Progress in service of process;
 - b. Possible joinder of additional parties;
 - c. Expected or desired amendment of pleadings;
 - d. Jurisdiction and venue;
 - e. Anticipated motions and their scheduling;
 - f. Cut-off dates for discovery (including dates for the disclosure of expert

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¹ The parties are encouraged, when possible, to file a joint status report.

1 witnesses) and law and motion, and dates for pretrial conference and trial;²

- 2 g. Special procedures, if any;
- 3 h. Estimated trial time;
- 4 i. Modifications of standard pretrial procedures due to the simplicity or
5 complexity of the proceedings;
- 6 j. Whether the case is related to any other cases, including any bankruptcy
7 cases;
- 8 k. Whether a settlement conference should be scheduled;
- 9 l. Whether counsel will stipulate to the magistrate judge assigned to this
10 matter acting as settlement judge and waiving disqualification by virtue of
11 his so acting, or whether they prefer to have a settlement conference
12 conducted before another judge; and
- 13 m. Any other matters that may add to the just and expeditious disposition of
14 this matter.

15 2. Failing to obey federal or local rules, or any order of this Court, “may be grounds for
16 imposition by the court of any and all sanctions authorized by statute or Rule or within the
17 inherent power of the Court,” including dismissal of this action. L.R. 110.

18 3. The parties are reminded of their continuing duty to notify chambers immediately of
19 any settlement or other disposition. *See* L.R. 160. In addition, the parties are cautioned that
20 pursuant to Local Rule 230(c), an opposition, or a statement of non-opposition, to the granting of
21 a motion must be filed at least fourteen (14) days preceding the noticed (or continued) hearing
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23 ² In completing this portion of the status report(s), the parties are advised that Judge
24 Brennan’s typical pretrial schedule requires (1) initial expert disclosures to be made within
25 approximately sixty (60) days after filing the initial status report(s); (2) motions to compel
26 discovery to be submitted for decision within approximately sixty (60) days after the expert
27 disclosure deadline; (3) discovery to be completed within approximately thirty (30) days after the
28 motion to compel deadline; (4) all non-discovery law and motion to be submitted for decision
within approximately sixty (60) days after the discovery completion date; (5) a final pretrial
conference to be held approximately ninety (90) days after the non-discovery law and motion
deadline; and (6) trial to commence approximately ninety (90) days after the final pretrial
conference.

1 date. Local Rule 230(c) further provides that “[n]o party will be entitled to be heard in opposition
2 to a motion at oral arguments if opposition to the motion has not been timely filed by that party.”
3 Moreover, Local Rule 230(i) provides that absent notice of intent to submit the matter on the
4 briefs, failure to appear may be deemed withdrawal of the motion or of opposition to the motion,
5 or may result in sanctions.

6 4. The parties may consent to have this case before the assigned magistrate judge for all
7 purposes. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve on the parties the
8 “Notice of Availability of a Magistrate Judge to Exercise Jurisdiction.” All parties shall complete
9 and execute the form and file it with the Clerk.

10 DATED: May 27, 2015.

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12 EDMUND F. BRENNAN
13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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