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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BRENT LEE HARDING,

 Plaintiff,

 v.

RIO COSUMNES CORRECTIONAL
FACILITY, et al.,

 Defendants.

No. 2:15-cv-1927 JAM CKD P

ORDER SETTING
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Plaintiff is California prisoner proceeding pro se with an action for violation of civil rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The parties have requested that this case be set for a settlement conference before the undersigned to occur at the U.S. District Court, 501 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814 in Courtroom #24 on March 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

To accommodate the parties’ request for a settlement conference before the undersigned, the parties will be required to file a signed “Waiver of Disqualification” (attached below), no later than March 6, 2017.

A separate order and writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum will issue concurrently with this order.

In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. This case is set for a settlement conference before the undersigned to occur on March 13, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at the U. S. District Court, 501 I Street, Sacramento, California

1 95814 in Courtroom #24.

- 2 2. The parties are required to file a signed “Waiver of Disqualification” no later than
3 March 6, 2017.
- 4 3. The parties are instructed to have a principal with full settlement authority present at
5 the Settlement Conference or to be fully authorized to settle the matter on any terms.
6 The individual with full authority to settle must also have “unfettered discretion and
7 authority” to change the settlement position of the party, if appropriate. The purpose
8 behind requiring the attendance of a person with full settlement authority is that the
9 parties’ view of the case may be altered during the face to face conference. An
10 authorization to settle for a limited dollar amount or sum certain can be found not to
11 comply with the requirement of full authority to settle¹.
- 12 4. The parties are directed to submit confidential settlement statements no later than
13 March 6, 2017 to ckdorders@caed.uscourts.gov. Plaintiff shall mail his confidential
14 settlement statement Attn: Magistrate Judge Carolyn K. Delaney, USDC CAED, 501 I
15 Street, Suite 4-200, Sacramento, California 95814 so it arrives no later than March 6,
16 2017. The envelope shall be marked “CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT
17 CONFERENCE STATEMENT.” If a party desires to share additional confidential
18 information with the Court, they may do so pursuant to the provisions of Local Rule
19 270(d) and (e). Parties are also directed to file a “Notice of Submission of

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21 ¹ While the exercise of its authority is subject to abuse of discretion review, “the district court has the
22 authority to order parties, including the federal government, to participate in mandatory settlement
23 conferences... ” United States v. United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 694 F.3d 1051,
24 1053, 1057, 1059 (9th Cir. 2012)(“the district court has broad authority to compel participation in mandatory
25 settlement conference[s].”). The term “full authority to settle” means that the individuals attending the
26 mediation conference must be authorized to fully explore settlement options and to agree at that time to any
27 settlement terms acceptable to the parties. G. Heileman Brewing Co., Inc. v. Joseph Oat Corp., 871 F.2d 648,
28 653 (7th Cir. 1989), cited with approval in Official Airline Guides, Inc. v. Goss, 6 F.3d 1385, 1396 (9th Cir. 1993).
The individual with full authority to settle must also have “unfettered discretion and authority” to change the
settlement position of the party, if appropriate. Pitman v. Brinker Int’l, Inc., 216 F.R.D. 481, 485-86 (D. Ariz.
2003), amended on recon. in part, Pitman v. Brinker Int’l, Inc., 2003 WL 23353478 (D. Ariz. 2003). The
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settle for a limited dollar amount or sum certain can be found not to comply with the requirement of full
authority to settle. Nick v. Morgan’s Foods, Inc., 270 F.3d 590, 596-97 (8th Cir. 2001).

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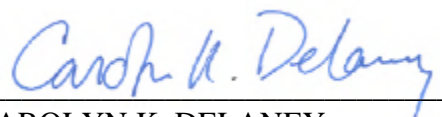
Confidential Settlement Statement” (See L.R. 270(d)).

Settlement statements **should not be filed** with the Clerk of the Court **nor served on any other party**. Settlement statements shall be clearly marked “confidential” with the date and time of the settlement conference indicated prominently thereon.

The confidential settlement statement shall be **no longer than five pages** in length, typed or neatly printed, and include the following:

- a. A brief statement of the facts of the case.
- b. A brief statement of the claims and defenses, i.e., statutory or other grounds upon which the claims are founded; a forthright evaluation of the parties’ likelihood of prevailing on the claims and defenses; and a description of the major issues in dispute.
- c. A summary of the proceedings to date.
- d. An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, pretrial, and trial.
- e. The relief sought.
- f. The party’s position on settlement, including present demands and offers and a history of past settlement discussions, offers, and demands.
- g. A brief statement of each party’s expectations and goals for the settlement conference.

Dated: January 4, 2017



CAROLYN K. DELANEY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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WAIVER OF DISQUALIFICATION

Under Local Rule 270(b) of the Eastern District of California, the parties to the herein action affirmatively request that Magistrate Judge Carolyn K. Delaney participate in the settlement conference scheduled for March 13, 2017. To the extent the parties consent to trial of the case before the assigned Magistrate Judge, they waive any claim of disqualification to the assigned Magistrate Judge trying the case thereafter.

By: _____
Plaintiff

Dated: _____

By: _____
Attorney for Defendants

Dated: _____