## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BYRON CHAPMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF LINCOLN,

Defendant.

No. 2:15-cv-00270-MCE-EFB

No. 2:15-cv-02326-MCE-EFB

**RELATED CASE ORDER** 

The Court has received the Notice of Related Case filed on February 6, 2017.

Examination of the above-entitled civil actions reveals that the above actions are related to Chapman v. City of Lincoln, 2:17-cv-00123-MCE-EFB, within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a) (E.D. Cal. 1997). The actions involve the same parties and are based on the same or similar claims, the same property transaction or event, similar questions of fact and the same questions of law, and would therefore entail a substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

Accordingly, the assignment of the matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

The parties should be aware that relating the cases under Local Rule 123 merely has the result that both actions are assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the action is effected.

Under the regular practice of this court, related cases are generally assigned to the district judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:17-cv-00123-KJM-AC is reassigned to District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. and Magistrate Judge Edmund F. Brennan for all further proceedings, and any dates currently set in 2:17-cv-00123-KJM-AC are hereby VACATED. The Clerk of the Court is to issue the Initial Pretrial Scheduling Order. Henceforth, the caption on documents filed in the reassigned case shall be shown as 2:17-cv-00123-MCE-EFB.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make appropriate adjustment in the assignment of cases to compensate for this reassignment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 14, 2017

MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE