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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GOOSE POND AG, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
DUARTE NURSERY, INC. et al.,
Defendants.

No. 2:19-cv-02631-KJM-AC

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
v.
ROGER J. LaPANT, JR., et al.,
Defendants.

No. 2:16-cv-01498-KJM-DB

RELATED CASE ORDER

Examination of the above-captioned actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a). Here, “both actions involve the same parties and are based on the same or a similar claim,” “involve the same property,” and relation “is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort” and “would entail substantial duplication of labor if the

1 actions were heard by different Judges or Magistrate Judges.” Local Rule 123(a)(1)–(4).

2 Accordingly, relating these matters is proper.

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

7 As a result, it is hereby ORDERED that 2:19-cv-02631-KJM-AC is reassigned
8 from Magistrate Judge Alison Claire to Magistrate Judge Deborah Barnes. Henceforth, the
9 caption on documents filed in the reassigned case shall be shown as: 2:19-cv-02631-KJM-DB.

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

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 DATED: June 10, 2020.

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16 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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