1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 BRIAN SPEARS, Case No. 2:16-cv-02177-JAM-JDP (PC) 12 Plaintiff. ORDER SETTING AN INFORMAL STATUS CONFERENCE AND DENYING 13 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A FURTHER v. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE 14 MICHELLE BIANCHI, et al., ECF No. 94 15 Defendants. 16 17 18 On January 25, 2022, the parties participated in a court supervised settlement conference 19 and reached an agreement to settle this case. ECF No. 91. The terms of the settlement agreement 20 were placed on the record, and the parties were instructed to finalize the agreement within thirty 21 days. Id. On March 31, 2022, plaintiff filed a motion asking the court to set a further settlement 22 conference. ECF No. 94. He explains that further settlement discussions are needed because the long-form agreement prepared by defendants' counsel includes terms that differ from those 23 24 agreed to at the January 25 settlement conference. *Id*. Rather than set a further settlement conference, the court will hold a status conference to 25 26 address plaintiff's concerns and the parties' inability to finalize their agreement. 27

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Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that: 1. Plaintiff's motion for a further settlement conference, ECF No. 94, is denied without prejudice. 2. The court will hold a status conference by Zoom on May 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. 3. Counsel for the defendants is directed to contact the court via ncannarozzi@caed.uscourts.gov, one week prior to the status conference to report on plaintiff's institution's ability, in light of any COVID 19 restrictions, to produce him for a remote appearance. 4. The Clerk of Court is directed to send a copy of this order to the litigation coordinator at plaintiff's institution of confinement. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: April 11, 2022 JERÉMY D. PETERSON UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE