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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CLYDE A. DUDLEY, II,

Plaintiff,

v.

LORI KOHLER, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:17-cv-2308 MCE AC P

ORDER REFERRING CASE TO POST-
SCREENING ADR PROJECT AND
STAYING CASE FOR 120 DAYS

Plaintiff is a state prisoner, proceeding without counsel. Defendant has waived service of process. ECF No. 15.

The undersigned is referring all post-screening civil rights cases filed by pro se state inmates to the Post-Screening ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Project in an effort to resolve such cases more expeditiously and less expensively. No defenses or objections shall be waived by participation.

As set forth in the screening order, plaintiff has stated a potentially cognizable civil rights claim. Accordingly, the court stays this action for a period of 120 days to allow the parties to investigate plaintiff's claims, meet and confer, and then participate in a settlement conference.

There is a presumption that all post-screening prisoner civil rights cases assigned to the undersigned will proceed to settlement conference.¹ However, if after investigating plaintiff's

¹ If the case does not settle, the court will set a date for the filing of a responsive pleading.

1 claims and speaking with plaintiff, and after conferring with defense counsel's supervisor,
2 defense counsel in good faith finds that a settlement conference would be a waste of resources,
3 defense counsel may move to opt out of this pilot project. **A motion to opt out must be filed**
4 **within sixty days of the date of this order.**

5 Once the settlement conference is scheduled, at least seven days prior to the conference,
6 each party shall submit to the settlement judge a confidential settlement conference statement.
7 The parties' confidential settlement conference statements shall include the following: (a) names
8 and locations of the parties; (b) a short statement of the facts and alleged damages; (c) a short
9 procedural history; (d) an analysis of the risk of liability, including a discussion of the efforts
10 made to investigate the allegations; and (e) a discussion of the efforts that have been made to
11 settle the case. Defendant shall e-mail the settlement conference statement to the settlement
12 judge's e-mail box for proposed orders, available on the court's website. Plaintiff shall place his
13 settlement conference statement in the U.S. mail addressed to the settlement conference judge,
14 United States District Court, 501 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Plaintiff shall mail his
15 settlement conference statement so that it is received by the court at least seven days before the
16 settlement conference.

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

18 1. This action is stayed for 120 days to allow the parties an opportunity to settle their
19 dispute before the discovery process begins. Except as provided herein or by subsequent court
20 order, no other pleadings or other documents may be filed in this case during the stay of this
21 action. The parties shall not engage in formal discovery, but the parties may elect to engage in
22 informal discovery.

23 2. Defendants shall file any motion to opt out of the Post-Screening ADR Project no
24 more than sixty days from the date of this order.

25 3. At least seven days prior to the settlement conference, each party shall submit a
26 confidential settlement conference statement, as described above, to the settlement judge.
27 Defendant shall e-mail the settlement conference statement to the settlement judge's proposed
28 orders e-mail address. Plaintiff shall place his settlement conference statement in the U.S. mail

1 addressed to the settlement judge, United States District Court, 501 I Street, Sacramento, CA
2 95814. Plaintiff shall mail his settlement conference statement so that it is received by the court
3 at least seven days before the settlement conference.

4 4. If a settlement is reached at any point during the stay of this action, the parties shall
5 file a Notice of Settlement in accordance with Local Rule 160.

6 5. The Clerk of the Court shall serve copies of (a) plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 1), (b)
7 the screening order (ECF No. 6), and (c) the instant order, on Supervising Deputy Attorney
8 General Christopher Becker.

9 6. The parties remain obligated to keep the court informed of their current addresses at
10 all times during the stay and while the action is pending. Any change of address must be reported
11 promptly to the court in a separate document captioned for this case and entitled "Notice of
12 Change of Address." See L.R. 182(f).

13 DATED: November 23, 2020

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15 ALLISON CLAIRE
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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