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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RON SINGH and KAREN SINGH,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:17-cv-2580 TLN DB PS

ORDER

Plaintiffs Ron Singh and Karen Singh are proceeding pro se. The case has been referred to the undersigned pursuant to Local Rule 302(c)(21). On February 12, 2018, the undersigned issued an order setting this matter for a March 23, 2018 Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference. (ECF No. 4.) On March 22, 2018, plaintiffs filed a request for a continuation of the status conference. (ECF No. 7.)

Good cause appearing, plaintiffs' request will be granted. However, plaintiffs are cautioned that, in the future, such requests should be filed much sooner than the day prior to the hearing.¹ Moreover, plaintiffs are advised that no defendant has appeared in this action. Although plaintiffs have filed a purported proof of service, the undersigned will have some questions for plaintiffs with respect to service at the status conference.

¹ In this regard, although plaintiffs filed their request for a continuation on March 22, 2018, the document was not entered into the docket until after the March 23, 2018 status conference.

1 Good cause appearing, IT IS ORDERED that:

2 1. The March 23, 2018 Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference is continued to **Friday,**
3 **May 25, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.** at the United States District Court, 501 I Street, Sacramento,
4 California, in Courtroom No. 27 before the undersigned;

5 2. Within fourteen (14) days after plaintiffs are served with this order, plaintiffs shall
6 serve upon each defendant one copy of this order; and within five (5) days after serving plaintiffs
7 shall file a certificate of service indicating the date and manner of service of the copy on the
8 defendants;

9 3. All parties are required to appear at the Status Conference, either by counsel or, if
10 proceeding in propria persona, on his or her own behalf. Any party may appear at the status
11 conference telephonically if the party pre-arranges such appearance by contacting Pete Buzo, the
12 courtroom deputy of the undersigned magistrate judge, at (916) 930-4128, no later than 48 hours
13 before the Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference; a party may not appear telephonically over a
14 cellphone.

15 4. Plaintiffs shall file and serve updated status reports on or before **May 11, 2018**, and
16 defendants shall file and serve status reports on or before **May 18, 2018**. Each party's status
17 report shall address all of the following matters:

- 18 a. Progress of service of process;
- 19 b. Possible joinder of additional parties;
- 20 c. Possible amendment of the pleadings;
- 21 d. Jurisdiction and venue;
- 22 e. Anticipated motions and the scheduling thereof;
- 23 f. Anticipated discovery and the scheduling thereof, including
24 disclosure of expert witnesses;
- 25 g. Future proceedings, including the setting of appropriate cut-off
26 dates for discovery and for law and motion, and the scheduling of a
27 final pretrial conference and trial;
- 28 h. Modification of standard pretrial procedures specified by the rules
due to the relative simplicity or complexity of the action;

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- i. Whether the case is related to any other case, including matters in bankruptcy;
- j. Whether the parties will stipulate to the magistrate judge assigned to this matter acting as settlement judge, waiving any disqualification by virtue of her so acting, or whether they prefer to have a Settlement Conference before another magistrate judge;
- k. Whether the parties intend to consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge; and
- l. Any other matters that may aid in the just and expeditious disposition of this action.

5. Plaintiffs are advised that failure to file a timely status report, or failure to appear at the status conference either in person or telephonically, may result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed for lack of prosecution and as a sanction for failure to comply with court orders and applicable rules. See Local Rules 110 and 183; and

6. Plaintiffs are cautioned that Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that a defendant must be dismissed if service of the summons and complaint is not accomplished on the defendant within 90 days after the complaint was filed.²

Dated: March 26, 2018


DEBORAH BARNES
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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² However, the court may extend the time for service upon a showing a good cause.