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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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10 SAMUEL SALDANA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 M.E. SPEARMAN, et al.,

14 Defendants.  
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No. 2:18-cv-0319 AC P

ORDER

16 After plaintiff requested that the court set this case for a second settlement conference,  
17 ECF No. 50, defendant was asked to advise the court whether he believed a settlement conference  
18 would be beneficial at this time, ECF No. 51. Defendant has now responded that he does not  
19 believe a second settlement conference would be beneficial at this time. ECF No. 52. The  
20 motion for a settlement conference will therefore be denied. Plaintiff is free to discuss possible  
21 settlement with defendant's counsel in the future, without a settlement conference, although  
22 defendant is not required to engage in settlement negotiations. Any communications between the  
23 parties about settlement options should not be filed with the court.

24 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for a second settlement  
25 conference, ECF No. 50, is denied.

26 DATED: December 30, 2020

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28 ALLISON CLAIRE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE