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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LEANDRO LEONEL GONZALEZ
CASTILLO,

Plaintiff,

v.

E. OCHOA,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:18-cv-00767-KJM-JDP (PC)

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF’S MOTION
TO SET A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
AND VACATING DEADLINE FOR FILING
DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS

ECF No. 37

Plaintiff has filed a motion that request the court set a settlement conference. ECF No. 37. The court agrees that this case will likely benefit from a settlement conference. Accordingly, plaintiff’s motion will be granted and this case will be referred to Magistrate Judge Dennis M. Cota to conduct a settlement conference on June 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

The settlement conference will be conducted via Zoom videoconferencing software.¹ At least thirty days prior to the settlement conference, defense counsel shall provide Judge Cota’s Courtroom Deputy the email contact information for all of the parties that will be appearing at the settlement conference.² All appearing parties, with the exception of plaintiff, will be notified via email of the meeting information prior to the settlement conference. Plaintiff’s attendance will be

¹ At the time of this writing, the courthouse is closed to the public. The time or location of this conference will be updated if circumstances dictate.

² The contact information should be submitted via email to cpine@caed.uscourts.gov.

1 secured through the litigation coordinator at plaintiff's institution.

2 At least seven days prior to the conference, the parties shall submit to the settlement judge
3 a confidential settlement conference statement. The parties' confidential settlement conference
4 statements shall include the following: (a) names and locations of the parties; (b) a short
5 statement of the facts and alleged damages; (c) a short procedural history; (d) an analysis of the
6 risk of liability, including a discussion of the efforts made to investigate the allegations; and (e) a
7 discussion of the efforts that have been made to settle the case. Defendant shall e-mail the
8 settlement conference statement to Magistrate Judge Dennis M. Cota at
9 dmcorders@caed.uscourts.gov. Plaintiff shall place his settlement conference statement in the
10 U.S. mail addressed to United States Magistrate Judge Dennis M. Cota, Redding Federal
11 Courthouse, 2986 Bechelli Lane, Redding, CA 96002. Plaintiff shall mail his settlement
12 conference statement so that it is received by the court at least seven days before the settlement
13 conference.

14 In accordance with the above, it is hereby ORDERED that:

15 1. This case is set for a settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Dennis M. Cota on
16 June 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

17 2. At least thirty days prior to the settlement conference, the parties shall provide Judge
18 Cota's Courtroom Deputy the email contact information for all of the parties that will be
19 appearing at the settlement conference.

20 3. At least seven days prior to the settlement conference, each party shall submit a
21 confidential settlement conference statement, as described above, to Magistrate Judge Dennis M.
22 Cota.

23 4. If a settlement is reached prior to the settlement conference, the parties shall file a
24 Notice of Settlement in accordance with Local Rule 160.

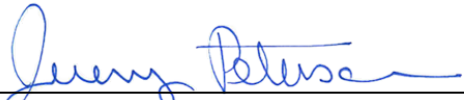
25 5. The parties remain obligated to keep the court informed of their current addresses at all
26 times during the stay and while the action is pending. Any change of address must be reported
27 promptly to the court in a separate document captioned for this case and entitled "Notice of
28 Change of Address." See E.D. Cal. L.R. 182(f).

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6. The June 24, 2021 deadline for filing dispositive motions is vacated. *See* ECF No. 28.
If a settlement is not reached at the settlement conference, the court will set a new deadline for
filing dispositive motions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 8, 2021



JEREMY D. PETERSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE