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14 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 15 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

18 **ALTURAS INDIAN RANCHERIA, a**  
**federally recognized Indian tribe,**  
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 Plaintiff,  
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 v.  
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 22 **GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State**  
**of California; and the STATE OF**  
 23 **CALIFORNIA,**  
 24 Defendants.

Case No. 2:22-cv-01486-KJM-DMC  
**ORDER**

1 **ORDER**

2 Pursuant to the joint request by the Parties (ECF 60), the Court appoints retired United  
3 States District Court Judge S. James Otero (Judge Otero) of the Central District of California to  
4 serve as the mediator in this matter pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(7)(B)(iv).

5 The parties are ordered to work cooperatively in jointly advising Judge Otero of his  
6 appointment, jointly preparing and submitting to him instructions on his duties as a court  
7 appointed mediator under 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(7)(B)(iv), and establishing with his mediation  
8 service a mutually acceptable time schedule for Judge Otero to complete the performance of his  
9 mediator duties.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 Dated: July 3, 2024.

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14 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE