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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DAMIAN EARLY,

Plaintiff,

v.

RENEE HARDING, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-cv-02405-DJC-JDP (PS)

ORDER SETTING INITIAL SCHEDULING
CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. An initial scheduling conference is set for March 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The conference will be conducted remotely via Zoom.¹
- 2. No later than fourteen days prior to the scheduling conference, the parties shall file status reports that address the following:²
 - a. the factual and legal contentions set forth in the parties' pleadings, briefly summarized;
 - b. possible joinder of additional parties;
 - c. expected amendment of pleadings and, if applicable, a proposed deadline for such amendment;

¹ The Zoom invitation will be distributed one week prior to the scheduling conference.
² The parties are encouraged to file a joint status report.

- 1 d. jurisdiction and venue;
- 2 e. anticipated motions and their scheduling;
- 3 f. a proposed discovery plan and its scheduling, including deadlines for
- 4 exchanging initial disclosures and for disclosing expert witnesses;
- 5 g. proposed cutoff dates for completing discovery and dispositive motions;³
- 6 h. any proposed changes to the limits on discovery imposed by the Federal Rules
- 7 of Civil Procedure;
- 8 i. whether the case is related to any other cases, including any bankruptcy cases;
- 9 j. whether an early settlement conference should be scheduled at the initial
- 10 scheduling conference;
- 11 k. whether the parties will stipulate to the undersigned acting as the settlement
- 12 judge and waive disqualification from so acting, or whether they prefer to have a different
- 13 magistrate judge conduct a settlement; and
- 14 l. any other matters that may add to the just and expeditious disposition of this
- 15 matter.

16 3. The parties are hereby notified that failure to obey federal or local rules, or any order

17 of this court, “may be grounds for imposition by the Court of any and all sanctions authorized by

18 statute or Rule or within the inherent power of the Court,” including dismissal. E.D. Cal. L.R.

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25 ³ The parties are advised that Judge Peterson generally requires that: (1) expert disclosures

26 be completed before the close of fact discovery; (2) all motions to compel discovery be heard

27 approximately thirty days before the close of discovery; and (3) all dispositive motions be heard

28 within approximately ninety days of the discovery completion date. A final pretrial conference

will be set after resolution of any dispositive motions or passage of the dispositive motion

deadline. A trial date will be determined at the pretrial conference.

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4. The parties are reminded of their continuing duty to notify chambers immediately of any settlement or other disposition. *See* E.D. Cal. L.R. 160.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 29, 2025



JEREMY D. PETERSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE