

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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 5 MARCIANO PLATA, et al.,
 6 Plaintiffs,
 7 v.
 8 EDMUND G. BROWN JR., et al.,
 9 Defendants.

NO. C01-1351 TEH

ORDER DENYING
PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR
ORDER DIRECTING COURT
EXPERTS TO ASSESS
RECEIVER'S PEER REVIEW
PROCESSES

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 11 The Court has carefully considered the papers submitted in connection with Plaintiffs'
 12 request for an order directing the court experts to assess the peer review processes developed
 13 by the Receiver, including as they relate to death reviews. The Court has also discussed this
 14 request with both the Receiver and the court experts.

15 Although the Court agrees with Plaintiffs that peer and death reviews are important
 16 components of a medical care delivery system, the experts' review of individual prisons
 17 appears to provide a sufficient mechanism for assessing those processes. If, while examining
 18 the adequacy of care at an individual institution, the experts identify issues related to peer or
 19 death reviews (or any other process) that rise to the headquarters level, they are able to speak
 20 with headquarters staff and examine records so that they can make a full report as to that
 21 institution. Thus, the experts already have the ability to review any centralized process that
 22 they believe is having a demonstrable impact on the quality of care being provided to
 23 inmates. Plaintiffs' request is therefore DENIED.

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 25 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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 27 Dated: 07/15/13



 THELTON E. HENDERSON, JUDGE
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT