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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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8 CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY, et al.,

No. C 08-484 JSW (TJB)

9 Plaintiffs,

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS'
REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM
PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

10 v.

11 THOMAS J. VILSACK, et al.,

12 Defendants.
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14 Having considered the request to be excused from personal appearance at the
15 settlement conference on December 21, 2009, by Plaintiffs, the Court hereby GRANTS
16 Plaintiffs' request to allow counsel of record to represent all Plaintiffs, pursuant to the letter
17 dated December 17, 2009, stating that counsel of record has full and final authority to settle
18 this matter, with the exception of the Sierra Club, which requires approval by its litigation
19 committee. An authorized representative of each Plaintiff, and each member of the Sierra
20 Club's litigation committee, shall be available by telephone to address any issue not
21 otherwise included in this Court's Order Setting Settlement Conference entered on December
22 9, 2009.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

24 Dated: December 18, 2009

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26 TIMOTHY J BOMMER
27 United States Magistrate Judge
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