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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
EUREKA DIVISION

RUBEN J. RUIZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICE SAWAYA,  
et al.,

Defendants.

No. 3:11-CV-03126 JST (NJV)

NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE IN  
PRO SE PRISONER EARLY  
SETTLEMENT PROGRAM, REQUIRING  
MEET AND CONFER, AND SETTING  
STATUS CONFERENCE

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

You are hereby notified that a settlement conference is scheduled in this case for 11:00 a.m. on April 15, 2014, in Courtroom F of the United States Courthouse at 450 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco.

Counsel are ORDERED to meet and confer telephonically to discuss settlement of this case no later than three weeks before the settlement conference. The legal representative of the CDCR must be present at this telephonic meeting.

The matter is HEREBY SET for a telephonic status conference on April 8, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. The parties shall dial 888-684-8852 and enter access code 1868782. At the status conference, the parties shall report on the outcome of their meeting regarding settlement.

Lead trial counsel shall appear at the settlement conference with the parties and persons having **full authority** to negotiate and settle the case. **A person who needs to call another person not present before agreeing to any settlement does not have full authority. To the extent that such consultations are necessary, they must be made in advance of the settlement conference.**

1 Personal attendance of a party representative will rarely be excused by the Court, and then  
2 only upon separate written application demonstrating substantial hardship served on opposing  
3 counsel and lodged as early as the basis for the hardship is known.

4 Confidential settlement conference statements shall be mailed or emailed  
5 (NJVpo@cand.uscourts.gov) to and received by chambers no later than two weeks prior to the  
6 settlement conference. The parties shall report on the outcome of their settlement discussions in  
7 their settlement conference statements.

8 Any request to continue the settlement conference shall state the reason therefor and be  
9 submitted in writing as soon as possible well in advance of the scheduled conference date. Requests  
10 to vacate the settlement referral must be made to the *referring* Judge, not Magistrate Judge Vadas.

11 The parties shall notify the undersigned's Chambers immediately at (707) 445-3612 if this  
12 case settles prior to the date set for the settlement conference.

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14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated: March 4, 2014

  
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NANDOR J. VADAS  
United States Magistrate Judge