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

SOKLAY PEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,

Defendant.

No. C 12-01041 JSW

**ORDER DIRECTING
DEFENDANT TO INFORM
COURT WHETHER HE
CONSENTS TO MAGISTRATE
JUDGE FOR ALL PURPOSES**

On December 12, 2012, Plaintiff filed a notice that he consents to proceed before a Magistrate Judge for all purposes. In cases initially assigned to a district judge, the parties may consent at any time to reassignment of the case to a magistrate judge for all purposes, including entry of final judgment. See Civil L.R. 73-1(b). Accordingly, the Defendant is hereby DIRECTED to advise the Court, no later than December 21, 2012, as to whether he consents to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in the instant action.¹ Consent forms are available at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>, in the "Forms" section. The parties are further advised that they may jointly request assignment to a specific magistrate judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 13, 2012



JEFFREY S. WHITE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ Normally, the Court would direct the parties to so inform the Court in their joint case management statement filed in connection with a case management conference. Because the instant action involves a review of an administrative record, however, a case management conference has not been scheduled.

