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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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7 ELIA LORENA SEPULVEDA,
8 Plaintiff,
9 v.
10 ANDREW SAUL,
11 Defendant.

Case No. 20-cv-06550-JCS

**ORDER GRANTING SECOND
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Re: Dkt. No. 14

12 The Court previously granted an unopposed motion by Defendant Andrew Saul,
13 Commissioner of Social Security (the “Commissioner”), to continue the deadline to file the
14 Commissioner’s answer and the certified administrative record from December 21, 2020 to
15 February 19, 2021 based on delays in processing caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The
16 Commissioner now moves to continue that deadline further, to April 20, 2021. Sufficient cause
17 having been shown, and taking into account the Commissioner’s assertion that Plaintiff Elia
18 Sepulveda does not oppose the request, that motion is GRANTED.

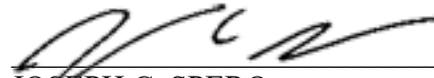
19 The Commissioner is reminded that under this Court’s local rules, unopposed requests for
20 an extension of time should be filed as stipulations rather than motions. Civ. L.R. 6-2; *see also*
21 Civ. L.R. 6-3(a)(2) (providing that any *motion* to enlarge time must “[d]escribe[] the efforts the
22 party has made to obtain a *stipulation* to the time change” (emphasis added)). The Commissioner
23 is also reminded that where, as here, the cause for delay is foreseeable in advance of the deadline,
24 any motion for an extension should be filed well before the deadline sought to be extended,
25 allowing at least sufficient time for a response to be filed in the four days provided by Civil Local
26 Rule 6-3(b).

27 Before seeking any further extensions of the deadline to answer and file the administrative
28 record in this case, the parties shall meet and confer regarding Sepulveda’s objections to the

1 administrative decision to determine whether there is any potential to resolve the case before the
2 certified record has been prepared. Any further request for an extension must certify that the
3 parties have done so.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

5 Dated: February 18, 2021



6 JOSEPH C. SPERO
7 Chief Magistrate Judge
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