

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

3
4 JOHN ARMSTRONG, et al.,

No. C 94-2307 CW

5 Plaintiffs,

ORDER GRANTING
MOTION AND
STIPULATION TO
FILE UNDER SEAL
(Docket No. 2105)

6 v.

7 EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., et al.,

8 Defendants.

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10 Plaintiffs move to file under seal unredacted versions of
11 their response to Defendants' appendix of evidentiary objections,
12 the declarations of Penny Godbold, Rebekah Evenson, Megan Hagler
13 and Corene Kendrick, and the exhibits attached to these
14 declarations. Plaintiffs offer these documents in connection with
15 their reply in further support of their motion for an order to
16 show cause and to hold Defendants in contempt. The parties also
17 filed a stipulation agreeing that the unredacted documents should
18 be filed under seal. The parties represent that these documents
19 contain personal information of inmates, including their names,
20 CDCR numbers and disability status. The parties further stipulate
21 that redacted versions of these documents, in which any
22 information identifying an inmate is omitted, will be filed in the
23 public record.

24 Because the public interest favors filing all court documents
25 in the public record, any party seeking to file a document under
26 seal must demonstrate good cause to do so. Pintos v. Pac.
27 Creditors Ass'n, 605 F.3d 665, 678 (9th Cir. 2010). This cannot
28 be established simply by showing that the document is subject to a

1 protective order or by stating in general terms that the material
2 is considered to be confidential, but rather must be supported by
3 a sworn declaration demonstrating with particularity the need to
4 file each document under seal. See Civil Local Rule 79-5(a).

5 Plaintiffs have provided good cause to seal the unredacted
6 documents. Accordingly, their motion for leave to file under
7 seal, and the parties' stipulation authorizing sealing, are
8 GRANTED (Docket No. 2105). Within four days of the date of this
9 Order, Plaintiffs shall electronically file under seal unredacted
10 versions of their response to Defendants' appendix of evidentiary
11 objections, the declarations of Penny Godbold, Rebekah Evenson,
12 Megan Hagler and Corene Kendrick, and the exhibits attached
13 thereto, and shall file redacted versions of these documents in
14 the public record.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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17 Dated: 5/31/2012

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20 CLAUDIA WILKEN
21 United States District Judge
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