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

STEVEN R. HINKLE,

No. C09-05105 SBA

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,

Defendant.

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The court has identified this action as one that appears suitable for reassignment to Magistrate Judge Nandor J Vadas, whose courtroom is located in Eureka, California, for all future proceedings. Such reassignment has the potential to result in greater convenience to the parties and more expeditious disposition of the matter on the merits.

The parties are directed to confer regarding reassignment and to file, on or before January 15, 2010, a letter stating whether or not the parties consent to reassignment of this matter to Magistrate Judge Vadas. If the parties so consent, the matter will be transferred. The parties will thereafter file written consent to the jurisdiction of a magistrate judge in the form

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requested by Magistrate Judge Vadas.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG  
United States District Judge