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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

MICHAEL LEWIS, LAUREN
TAYLOR, C.L., a minor, and B.L.,
a minor, by and through their guardian
ad litem,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO,
COUNTY AGENT IAN BAXTER,
COUNTY AGENT N. QUINTEROS,
COUNTY AGENT SUPERVISOR
BENITA JEMISON, COUNTY
AGENT ABIGAIL JOSEPH,
COUNTY AGENT SUPERVISOR
ANTONIA TORRES, COUNTY
AGENT SUPERVISOR ALFREDO
GUARDADO, and COUNTY
AGENT BROOKE GUILD,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 13-cv-2818-H-JMA

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
AMEND SCHEDULING ORDER**

[Doc. No. 60]

On April 14, 2016, the parties moved to extend the deadline for Plaintiffs to file a motion for leave to amend the complaint. (Doc. No. 60.) The Court declines to grant the motion.

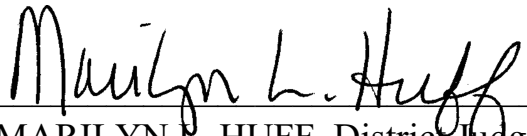
This case has been pending since November of 2013. (Doc. No. 1.) Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint in August of 2014. (Doc. No. 17.) They also filed a notice of intent not to amend further on March 25, 2015. (Doc. No. 30.) Plaintiffs have been on notice of the April 4, 2016 deadline since February 2, 2016. (Doc. No. 49 ¶ 1.) The deadline has passed.

1 Rule 6(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that the court has
2 discretion to extend a deadline for good cause. When the deadline has passed, good
3 cause requires “excusable neglect.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(B). New counsel as of
4 four months ago is not good cause. Additionally, Plaintiffs’ proposed new claims are
5 separate from the ones in the present complaint, as they involve medical examinations
6 and different transactions that would unduly complicate this case at this stage. And,
7 at this point, the parties have done substantial discovery on Plaintiffs’ present claims.
8 (See Doc. No. 60 ¶ 5.)

9 Accordingly, exercising its discretion, the Court declines to grant the parties’
10 untimely motion. Plaintiffs can assert the new claims in a separate complaint, which
11 will be assigned a new case number and proceed separately. The Court notes that the
12 statute of limitations will not be an issue because Plaintiffs are minors. See Cline v.
13 Brusett, 661 F.2d 108, 110 (9th Cir. 1981); Cal. Civ. Code § 352(a).¹

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

15 DATED: April 15, 2016

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18 MARILYN L. HUFF, District Judge
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28 ¹ The Court also declines to move the deadline for lodging the proposed final
pretrial conference order. (Doc. No. 58 ¶ 13.)