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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 HUSAM ALDAIRI,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 GUS DAHLEH,

15 Defendant.
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Case No.: 3:15-cv-01672-JAH-AHG

**ORDER MODIFYING
MANDATORY SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE TO BE
TELEPHONIC AND ISSUING
UPDATED PROCEDURES**

17 On January 28, 2020, the Court issued an Order resetting the Mandatory
18 Settlement Conference (“MSC”) in this matter for April 27, 2020 at 9:30 AM and issuing
19 updated procedures in light of transfer of the case to the undersigned. ECF No. 37. In
20 accordance with the Local Rules and Magistrate Judge Allison H. Goddard’s Mandatory
21 Settlement Conference Requirements, the Court required the personal appearance of all
22 named parties, party representatives with full settlement authority, including claims
23 adjusters for insured defendants, and lead trial counsel.

24 In light of the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, the Court hereby
25 **MODIFIES** the MSC to be **telephonic** for all attendees. To facilitate this modification, it
26 is **ORDERED** as follows:

- 27 1. Counsel and clients or client representatives **with full settlement authority**
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1 must be **immediately available by telephone** between the hours of **9:30 AM** and
2 **12:30 PM PT** on **April 27, 2020**.

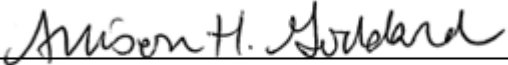
3 2. Throughout this window of time, the Court will initiate separate,
4 confidential calls with Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively. Each party must provide the
5 Court with a single phone number to use to initiate these calls, with both counsel and the
6 parties or party representatives already conferenced in and ready to engage in settlement
7 discussions. Counsel must contact the Court at efile_goddard@casd.uscourts.gov no later
8 than **April 23, 2020** to provide each party's preferred phone number for the MSC and any
9 other necessary call-in information for the Court (i.e., conference line passcodes).

10 3. All participants shall be prepared to devote their full attention to this
11 proceeding as if they were attending in person, i.e., cannot be driving while speaking to
12 the Court.

13 4. All dates, deadlines, procedures, and requirements set forth in the Court's
14 previous order resetting the MSC (ECF No. 37) remain in place, except as explicitly
15 modified by this order.

16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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18 Dated: April 13, 2020

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21 Honorable Allison H. Goddard
22 United States Magistrate Judge
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