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 19 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 20 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

21 STACEY M. RICHARDS,  
 22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 GREG COX, et al.,  
 25 Defendants.

Case No. 2:16-cv-01794-JCM-BNW

**JOINT STIPULATION AND ORDER  
 TO VACATE AND RESCHEDULE THE  
 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

26 Defendants, Renee Baker, Eric Boardman, and James “Greg” Cox, by and through  
 27 counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, Austin T. Barnum, Senior  
 28 Deputy Attorney General, and William P. Shogren, Deputy Attorney General, and

1 Plaintiff, Stacey M. Richards, by and through counsel, John Burton, Esq., and Richard  
2 Schonfeld, Esq., hereby submit this Joint Stipulation and Order to Vacate and Reschedule  
3 the Settlement conference current set for June 24, 2022, to a date most convenient for this  
4 Court in early August 2022.

5 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

6 **I. RELEVANT BACKGROUND**

7 This Court issued an order scheduling a settlement conference on June 24, 2022.  
8 ECF No. 103. Confidential settlement statements are due June 16, 2022. *Id.* at 1:13-17.

9 Parties held a meet and confer on May 24, 2022, to discuss, among other things, the  
10 current date. One of the undersigned counsel for defendants, Senior Deputy Attorney  
11 General, Austin T. Barnum, recently received mandatory military orders for the United  
12 States Army Reserves that prevent his attendance at the settlement conference on June  
13 24, 2022. Although Plaintiff is prepared to proceed with the settlement conference on the  
14 date notice, to accommodate Defendants, he agreed to filing this joint stipulation for an  
15 order vacating the current date and deadlines for the settlement conference. The next most  
16 appropriate timeframe for both Parties is in the first week of August. (Plaintiff's counsel  
17 John Burton has a three-week jury trial scheduled to commence in Los Angeles Superior  
18 Court on July 5, 2022.)

19 **II. LEGAL DISCUSSION**

20 Parties stipulate to this Court vacating the current order setting the settlement  
21 conference and rescheduling for a date most convenient to this Court in early August.  
22 Courts have the inherent power to control their dockets. *Hamilton Copper & Steel Corp. v.*  
23 *Primary Steel, Inc.*, 898 F.2d 1428, 1429 (9th Cir. 1990) (citations omitted). Parties make  
24 this request because one of the undersigned counsel for Defendants recently received  
25 military orders and is, therefore, unavailable for the current date. This request is made in  
26 good faith and is not for the purpose of causing delay.

1 **III. CONCLUSION**

2 Parties stipulate to this Court vacating its order in ECF No. 103 and rescheduling  
3 the settlement conference for a date most convenient to this Court in early August 2022.

4 DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

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16 **ORDER**

17 IT IS ORDERED that ECF No. 104 is GRANTED.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pre-Settlement Conference  
19 Telephonic Conference is RESCHEDULED to 8/4/2022 at 3:00  
20 p.m. Counsel is kindly directed to call (877) 810-9415, access code  
21 2365998.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Settlement Conference is  
23 RESCHEDULED to 8/5/2022 at 9:00 a.m. The Court will circulate a  
24 Zoom invitation closer to the rescheduled Settlement Conference  
25 date.

26 IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED: 6:57 pm, May 31, 2022



BRENDA WEKSLER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE