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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
AND THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT COMPOSED OF THREE JUDGES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 2284, TITLE 28 UNITED STATES CODE

RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,
et al.,
Defendants.

NO. CIV S-90-0520 LKK JFM P
THREE-JUDGE COURT

MARCIANO PLATA, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,
et al.,
Defendants.

NO. C01-1351 TEH
THREE-JUDGE COURT
ORDER GRANTING IN PART
INTERVENORS' MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION AND
ORDER CONSOLIDATING
PROCEEDINGS

On January 28, 2008, the Republican Assembly and Senate Intervenors, District Attorney Intervenors, and Sheriff, Probation, Police Chief, and Corrections Intervenors (collectively, "Intervenors") filed a motion for reconsideration of this court's October 10, 2007 Order Bifurcating Proceedings and Setting Deadlines for Phase I and November 9, 2007 Order on Motion for Reconsideration and/or Clarification. Defendants filed a statement of non-opposition to the motion on February 4, 2008, and Plaintiffs filed a statement of non-opposition on February 7, 2008.

1 After reviewing the Intervenor's arguments, the court rejects Intervenor's contention
2 that defendants are inadequate representatives of the Intervenor's interests on the questions
3 of whether "crowding is the primary cause of the violation of a Federal right" and whether
4 "no other relief [other than a prisoner release order] will remedy the violation of the Federal
5 right." Oct. 10, 2007 Order at 3 (quoting 18 U.S.C. §§ 3626(a)(3)(E)(i)-(ii)). The court
6 further rejects the Intervenor's repeated assertion that this court erred when it bifurcated
7 these proceedings into two phases and limited the Intervenor's participation to the second
8 phase.

9 Nonetheless, upon careful reconsideration of the court's prior scheduling orders and
10 of the procedures that are most likely to expedite the proceedings, including discovery and
11 trial, the court hereby GRANTS IN PART the Intervenor's motion for reconsideration.
12 Intervenor shall be allowed to participate in all stages of these proceedings, subject to the
13 following limitations:

14 1. Intervenor's participation in discovery will be prospective only. Intervenor will
15 not seek to reopen any matter unless they are able to demonstrate good cause. The
16 magistrate judge shall determine whether this standard has been met in the first instance.

17 2. All discovery exchanged between plaintiffs and defendants to date shall be
18 provided to intervenors as soon as possible.

19 3. One attorney will represent all intervenors for further discovery propounded by
20 intervenors. Similarly, one attorney will represent all intervenors at future depositions. This
21 attorney may be a different attorney on each occasion.

22 4. If any discovery is directed to a particular group of intervenors (e.g., probation
23 officers or Republican legislators), counsel representing that group of intervenors shall
24 respond.

25 5. At trial, one attorney may question each witness on behalf of all intervenors. The
26 same attorney need not question all witnesses. Intervenor will, however, present their
27 evidence and question other parties' witnesses through not more than a total of three different
28 attorneys throughout the trial.

1 6. One attorney will represent all intervenors during any subsequent motion practice,
2 including discovery motions. This need not be the same attorney for each motion.

3 7. The above conditions apply to all intervenors who intervened on behalf of
4 defendants, and not simply those who joined in the Intervenor's January 28, 2008 motion for
5 reconsideration.

6 Beyond reconsidering the level of participation granted to intervenors, this court has
7 also reconsidered, sua sponte, the desirability of a bifurcated trial. The court now concludes
8 that it would be more efficient to move forward with a single proceeding and therefore
9 VACATES its October 10, 2007 order bifurcating proceedings. Discovery and trial in this
10 matter shall occur in a single consolidated proceeding. The court will set time limits for trial
11 after reviewing the parties' and intervenors' joint pretrial conference statement.

12 In light of the above changes to the court's management of this case, the parties,
13 including intervenors, shall arrange for an initial discovery conference before the magistrate
14 judge. As soon as practicable, the magistrate judge shall advise this court of a reasonable
15 discovery cut-off date. Once such a date can be ascertained, this court will reset all other
16 pretrial dates as appropriate.

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18 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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20 Dated: 02/08/08

/s/


STEPHEN REINHARDT
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE
NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

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LAWRENCE K. KARLTON
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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