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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JANE DOE,

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 20cv1818-MMA (MSB)

v.

CISSY STEELE, et al.,

Defendants.

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR  
CONTINUANCE OF PRETRIAL  
PROCEEDINGS [ECF NO. 49]**

On April 30, 2021, the parties filed a “Joint Motion for Continuance of Pretrial Proceedings,” in which they asked the Court to continue the May 7, 2021 Zoom Early Neutral Evaluation (“ENE”) and Case Management Conference (“CMC”) by approximately 60 days so that Defendant Cissy Steele can find counsel who is able to navigate the possibility of criminal investigation and charges that may overlap factually with this case. (ECF No. 49.) The Court finds good cause and **GRANTS** the parties joint request as follows:

1. The Zoom ENE and CMC are **CONTINUED** to July 8, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.
2. Confidential ENE Statements are due no later than July 1, 2021.
3. No later than July 1, 2021, counsel for each party shall send an e-mail to the Court at [efile\\_berg@casd.uscourts.gov](mailto:efile_berg@casd.uscourts.gov) containing the following:

1                   a.     **The name and title of each participant**, including all parties and  
2 party representatives with full settlement authority, claims adjusters for insured  
3 defendants, and the primary attorney(s) responsible for the litigation.

4                   b.     **An e-mail address for each participant** to receive the Zoom video  
5 conference invitation.

6                   c.     **A telephone number where each participant** may be reached so that  
7 if technical difficulties arise, the Court will be able to proceed telephonically instead of  
8 by video conference. (If counsel prefers all participants of their party on a single  
9 conference call, counsel may provide a conference number and appropriate call-in  
10 information, including an access code, where all counsel and parties or party  
11 representatives for that side may be reached as an alternative to providing individual  
12 telephone numbers for each participant.)

13                  4.     In preparation for the CMC, the parties must do the following:

14                   a.     Meet and confer pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) no later than June  
15 24, 2021;

16                   b.     File a Joint Discovery Plan no later than July 1, 2021.

17                   c.     Exchange initial disclosures pursuant to Rule 26(a)(1)(A-D) no later  
18 than July 1, 2021.

19                  All orders from the Court's order setting the initial ENE CMC remain in place  
20 unless specifically modified herein.

21                  **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

22                  Dated: April 30, 2021

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24                  Honorable Michael S. Berg  
25                  United States Magistrate Judge  
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