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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF

VOLUNTARY CONSENT LIST
FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF
CIVIL CASES TO MAGISTRATE
JUDGES

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12-01

- 1. Creation of Voluntary Consent List. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk shall create and maintain a list ("Voluntary Consent List" or "Consent List") of magistrate judges who are available to accept cases on request, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conduct any and all necessary proceedings and order the entry of judgment. The Consent List shall be made available to the public on the Court's website.
- 2. Participation of Magistrate Judges. Any full-time magistrate judge of this Court who maintains his or her regular caseload as determined by the Court may direct that his or her name be added to the Consent List. Names of eligible magistrate judges may be added or removed from the Consent List at any time, at the discretion of each such judge, by informing the Clerk of the name to be added or removed, and the effective date of the change. Magistrate judges whose names are included on the Consent List may be known as "Consent List Magistrate Judges."

- 3. <u>Eligible Cases</u>. Parties who wish to consent to the jurisdiction of a Consent List Magistrate Judge in a case already pending in this Court may seek to do so in any civil case EXCEPT the following:
 - a. class actions;
 - b. death penalty habeas corpus petitions;
 - c. bankruptcy appeals or withdrawal of reference cases;
 - d. cases referred to a magistrate judge for a Report and Recommendation under General Order No. 05-07 (as amended by General Order No. 06-01) or any successor General Order (except as provided by L.R. 73-3); and
 - e. cases initially assigned to a magistrate judge pursuant to the Direct Assignment of Civil Cases to Magistrate Judges Program under General Order No. 11-06, whether or not the case is currently assigned to that magistrate judge.
- 4. Reassignment of Cases. If all parties wish to consent to the jurisdiction of a Consent List Magistrate Judge in a case already pending in this Court, they must complete and lodge the consent form available from the Clerk (Form CV-11D). Once all parties have consented to the jurisdiction of a Consent List Magistrate Judge, the Clerk shall present the lodged Form CV-11D to the assigned district judge for approval. If the assigned district judge approves transfer of the case, the Clerk shall present the lodged Form CV-11D to the selected Consent List Magistrate Judge for approval. If the selected Consent List Magistrate Judge agrees to accept the case, the case will be reassigned to that magistrate judge for all purposes.
- 5. <u>Magistrate Judge Serves as the Assigned Judge for All Purposes</u>. Once a case has been reassigned to a magistrate judge pursuant to this General Order, the case shall remain assigned to that magistrate judge for all purposes, including trial and entry of final judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and

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1	Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73. Appeal from a final judgment entered at a	
2	magistrate judge's direction may be taken to the court of appeals as would any	
3	other appeal from a district court judgment.	
4	6. <u>Effective Date</u> . This General Order shall become effective upon	
5	filing by the Clerk of this Court.	
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7	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
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10	CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE	
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12	Date of Approval by the Court: February 13, 2012	
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14	Date of Filing by the Clerk: February 27, 2012	
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