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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 IN THE MATTER OF } GENERAL ORDER NO. 25-07
11 VOLUNTARY CONSENT LIST } (Supersedes General Order No. 24-06)
12 FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF }
13 CIVIL CASES TO MAGISTRATE }
14 JUDGES }

15 1. Creation of Voluntary Consent List. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that
16 the Clerk shall create and maintain a list (“Voluntary Consent List” or “Consent
17 List”) of Magistrate Judges who are available to accept cases on request, pursuant
18 to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conduct all necessary proceedings and order the entry of
19 judgment. The Consent List shall be available on the Court’s website.

20 2. Participation of Magistrate Judges. Every full-time Magistrate Judge
21 who has completed 12 months of service and maintains his or her caseload as
22 determined by the Chief District Judge and Chief Magistrate Judge in consultation
23 with one another shall be included in the Consent List. Names of eligible
24 Magistrate Judges may be added or removed from the Consent List at any time, at
25 the discretion of each such judge, by informing the Clerk of the name to be added
26 or removed and the effective date of the change. Magistrate Judges whose names
27 are included on the Consent List may be known as “Consent List Magistrate
28 Judges.”

1 3. Eligible Cases. Parties who wish to consent to the jurisdiction of a
2 Consent List Magistrate Judge in a case already pending in this Court may seek to
3 do so in any civil case EXCEPT the following:

- 4 a. death penalty habeas corpus petitions;
- 5 b. bankruptcy appeals or withdrawal of reference cases;
- 6 c. cases where an application for a temporary restraining order
7 accompanies the initiating complaint; and
- 8 d. pending cases assigned to a Magistrate Judge pursuant to the Direct
9 Assignment of Civil Cases to Magistrate Judges Program in which the
10 parties have not opted out or cases in which the parties have already
11 consented to and been assigned a Consent List Magistrate Judge.

12 4. Reassignment of Cases. If all parties wish to consent to the jurisdiction
13 of a Consent List Magistrate Judge in a case already pending in this Court, they
14 must complete and lodge the consent form available from the Clerk (Form CV-
15 11D). Once all parties have consented to the jurisdiction of a Consent List
16 Magistrate Judge, the Clerk shall present the lodged Form CV-11D to the assigned
17 district judge for approval. If the assigned district judge approves the transfer of
18 the case, the Clerk shall present the lodged Form CV-11D to the selected Consent
19 List Magistrate Judge for approval. If the selected Consent List Magistrate Judge
20 agrees to accept the case, the case will be reassigned to that Magistrate Judge for
21 all purposes.

22 5. Magistrate Judge Serves as the Assigned Judge for All Purposes. Once
23 a case has been reassigned to a Magistrate Judge pursuant to this General Order,
24 the case shall remain assigned to that Magistrate Judge for all purposes, including
25 trial and entry of final judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rule
26 of Civil Procedure 73. Appeal from a final judgment entered at a Magistrate
27 Judge's direction may be taken to the court of appeals as any other appeal from a
28 district court judgment.

