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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARCIANO PLATA, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
GAVIN NEWSOM, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 01-cv-01351-JST

**ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS’
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION RE:
BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

Re: ECF No. 3495

United States District Court
Northern District of California

The Court denies Defendants’ administrative motion, ECF No. 3495, to set interim deadlines regarding the joint letter brief contemplated in the Court’s November 20, 2020 order, ECF No. 3493. In doing so, the Court clarifies that the purpose of requiring a joint brief is to ensure that the parties – and their experts – have an opportunity to engage with each other to facilitate reaching consensus where possible, and so that any requests before the Court frame the parties’ disputes as specifically and narrowly as possible. The Court trusts that the parties, working in good faith, can achieve that goal, including by freely discussing their respective positions with each other regardless of the schedule on which they share draft briefs. If, after reviewing the joint brief, the Court determines that additional meeting and conferring or briefing is required, it will so order. At this time, particularly since Plaintiffs have now shared their draft expert declaration with Defendants, ECF No. 3497-1 ¶ 6, the Court concludes that ordering interim deadlines to share draft briefs is not necessary.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 30, 2020



JON S. TIGAR
United States District Judge