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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**ORDER**

**RESUMPTION OF SPECIFIED CIVIL SERVICES AND PROCEEDINGS:  
REOPENING OF CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DEPARTMENTS &  
CONTINUED REFERRAL OF CASES TO COVID-19 TRIAL SETTING PROCESS**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Presiding Judge’s March 17, 2020 Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief (March 17th Order), among other things, suspended the operation of the Court’s Case Management Program (CMP) Departments. Based upon current projections regarding the Court’s anticipated ability and capacity to hold civil trials at the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse (Schaber Courthouse), the Presiding Judge has now determined that the Court may reopen the CMP Departments for case management of civil cases and continue referring cases to the Court’s COVID-19 Trial Setting Process (TSP). Further details are provided in the Court’s associated public notice and website.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. For cases that were pending in CMP Departments as of March 17, 2020 *and* that are at-issue (i.e., at the time of the Court’s review), the Court, through the assigned CMP Department, will begin referring such cases in groups and phases directly to the COVID-19 Trial

1 Setting Process (TSP) for the parties' selection of MSC and trial dates. This category of cases  
2 will be directly referred to TSP and will not have rescheduled case management conferences in  
3 the CMP Departments unless requested by the parties and/or otherwise specifically ordered by the  
4 Court.

5 2. Each case that is referred directly to TSP for selection of MSC and trial dates will  
6 receive a case-specific referral order from the assigned CMP Department. Upon receiving their  
7 referral order, the parties shall follow the instructions therein and on the Court's "COVID-19  
8 Trial Setting Process" webpage. Parties shall not utilize the Court's TSP webpage until receipt of  
9 their case-specific referral order.

10 3. For all other cases, including (a) cases pending in the CMP Departments as of  
11 March 17, 2020 that are not at-issue (at the time of the Court's review) and (b) *cases filed after*  
12 *March 17, 2020*, the assigned CMP Departments shall commence the resetting or initial setting of  
13 Case Management Conferences in such departments. The two CMP Departments will begin the  
14 process of sending notices of Case Management Conference for these categories of cases in  
15 groups and phases.

16 4. Judge Wood (Department 31) and Judge Mennemeier (Department 38) shall be the  
17 designated CMP Department Judges. All cases previously assigned for CMP to Judge Blizzard  
18 (Department 43) are reassigned to Judge Mennemeier (Department 38).

19 5. For further details, parties shall refer to the Public Notice — Civil Division re:  
20 Reopening of Case Management Program Departments & Continued Referral of Cases to  
21 COVID-19 Trial Setting Process available at [www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/coronavirus.aspx](http://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/coronavirus.aspx).

22 6. Parties are advised that the Court's referral of cases to TSP and reopening of the  
23 CMP Departments are based upon current projections regarding the Court's anticipated ability  
24 and capacity to hold civil trials at the Schaber Courthouse by the time of the dates available  
25 through the COVID-19 TSP webpage. The Court will continue to evaluate the environmental  
26 conditions and required health and safety measures regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and case  
27 backlogs and related impacts on Court operations. The Court will advise if additional changes to  
28 future operations, including civil trials, become necessary.

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7. Cases that have been pre-assigned to a judge for trial are excluded from this process and shall be subject to setting of trial and MSC dates pursuant to the pre-assigned trial judge's discretion, taking into consideration the anticipated status of Court operations including the Court's ability and capacity to hold civil trials at the Schaber Courthouse. The Court's order applies to cases that are not scheduled for trial through other Court divisions (e.g., Probate trials).

**THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

DATED: July 7, 2021



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**RUSSELL L. HOM**  
PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT