

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Christina Wind, et al. v. State of California, et al.

Wind · No. 1:25-cv-00266-JLT-HBK · Decided December 18, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California granted the parties' joint motion to stay the entire action pending private mediation. The court vacated the initial scheduling conference and related deadlines, required a joint post-mediation status report, and set procedures for reporting settlement or proposing future case deadlines.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 11 CHRISTINA WIND, et al., Case No. 1:25-cv-00266-JLT-HBK 12 Plaintiff,
ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION AND DIRECTING CLERK TO ENTER STAY OF 13 v.
ENTIRE ACTION 14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al., (Doc. No. 47) 15 Defendants. 16 17
Pending before the Court is the Parties joint request to stay this action filed on December 18 17,
2025.

(Doc. No. 47). The Parties request a complete stay of this action for the purpose of 19
participating in private mediation, currently scheduled for March 10-11, 2026. (Id. at 2). 20 The
court is vested with broad discretion to stay a case. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 21 705 (1997)
(citing *Landis v. North American Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936)).

As a rule, “stays 22 should not be indefinite in nature.” *Dependable Highway Exp., Inc. v.*
Navigators Ins. Co., 498 23 F.3d 1059, 1066-67 (9th Cir. 2007). If a stay is especially long or
indefinite, a greater showing is 24 required to justify it and the court must “balance the length of
any stay against the strength of the 25 justification given for it.” *Yong v. I.N.S.*, 208 F.3d 1116,
1119 (9th Cir.

2000). 26 The Court finds in its discretion that a stay of this action is appropriate so that the
Parties 27 may direct their resources and attention to private mediation. During the stay, all
proceedings and 28 discovery and any pending deadlines or hearings are vacated.

However, the parties may 1 | informally exchange information under the protective order entered
in this case to prepare for 2 | mediation. 3 Accordingly, it is ORDERED: 4 1. The Parties' joint
motion this action (Doc. No. 47) is GRANTED and the Court 5 | STAYS this case until further
order by the Court. 6 2.

The Court VACATES the initial scheduling conference set for February 5, 2026 7 | and all associated deadlines. 8 3. Within fourteen (14) days of the mediation’s conclusion, the Parties shall file a 9 | “Joint Post Mediation Status Report” regarding the result of the mediation. 10 4.

The substance of the mediation is confidential, and no party, lawyer, or other 11 | participant may record, or without approval of the Court may disclose any event, including any 12 | statement confirming or denying a fact—except settlement—that occurs during the mediation. 13 5, If the Parties reach a settlement at the mediation, a notice of settlement shall 14 | promptly be filed with the Court.

See Local Rule 160(a). Dispositional documents are due no 15 || more than twenty-one (21) days from the filing of the notification, absent good cause. See Local 16 | Rule 160(b). 17 6. If the case does not settle, the Parties shall include in their Joint Post Mediation 18 | Status Report a date for Defendants’ responsive pleading and a proposed initial scheduling 19 || conference date.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 24 25 26 27 28