

**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

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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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. 20 21 Dated: _ December 18, 2025 law ZA. foareh Back
22 HELENA M. BARCH-KUCHTA
33 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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