

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, OAKLAND DIVISION
STANDING ORDER RE PROCEDURES DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN
FOR MAGISTRATE JUDGE KANDIS A. WESTMORE**

(October 20, 2025)

All parties are advised that effective Monday, October 20, 2025, the judiciary has run out of funding and only limited operations will continue. See https://www.uscourts.gov/data-news/judiciary-news/2025/10/17/judiciary-funding-runs-out-only-limited-operations-continue?utm_campaign=usc-news&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery. As a consequence, court staff will not be paid despite the requirement to work on essential matters.

Accordingly, until the judiciary is funded, parties shall meet and confer before filing *any* substantive motion, including discovery disputes. The parties shall determine whether the litigation can proceed without the motion or whether the motion must be urgently resolved. If the latter, lead counsel shall file a certification with the filing of any substantive motion stating: (1) that the parties met and conferred, and (2) the basis for the urgency. Examples of urgency include fast-approaching deadlines imposed by the Court or matters that affect an individual's liberty interests. Failure to provide the certification will result in a *sua sponte* denial without prejudice. This requirement does not apply to administrative or ministerial motions and/or stipulations. The Court strongly encourages parties to stipulate to matters to avoid imposing unnecessary work on judicial staff, who are working uncompensated.


Additionally, starting the week of October 27, 2025, case management conferences in non-urgent civil matters will not go forward. Motion hearings in non-urgent civil matters will be taken under submission and will be rescheduled, if needed, once funding is restored.

At this time, settlement conferences are not affected, and those proceedings will go forward as scheduled.

The Court appreciates the parties' cooperation during this period.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 20, 2025


KANDIS A. WESTMORE
United States Magistrate Judge