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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
12 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

13 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, *et al.*,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

16 JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., *et al.*,

17 Defendants.

No. 4:19-cv-00872-HSG
No. 4:19-cv-00892-HSG
No. 4:20-cv-01494-HSG
No. 4:20-cv-01563-HSG

18 **JOINT STATUS REPORT**

19 SIERRA CLUB, *et al.*,

20 Plaintiffs,

21 v.

22 JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., *et al.*,

23 Defendants.

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25 In accordance with the Court's Order of June 14, 2022, Plaintiffs and Defendants submit
26 the following joint status report addressing proceedings in the above-captioned cases.

27 The parties remain in active settlement discussions and request that the Court continue the
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1 stay of these cases for 45 days. On July 26, 2022, Magistrate Judge Ryu conducted a mediation
2 settlement conference focused on environmental remediation issues. The discussion was
3 productive and the parties agreed to exchange additional information following the conference.
4 On September 9, 2022, Defendants and the States of California and New Mexico sent follow-up
5 letters addressing several topics discussed during the mediation conference. The parties are
6 currently in the process of reviewing the recent letter exchange and anticipate that settlement
7 discussions facilitated by Judge Ryu will continue.

8 The parties continue believe that their settlement discussions in these complex matters are
9 progressing forward in good faith. The parties agree that the interests of party and judicial
10 economy would be furthered by allowing the parties to continue these ongoing discussions with
11 the goal of reaching a mutually-agreeable resolution without the need for further litigation. The
12 parties propose to file another joint status report on October 28, 2022.

13 DATE: September 13, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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