

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN RE:** ) **GENERAL ORDER NO. 608**  
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**APPOINTMENT OF A MERIT** )  
**SELECTION PANEL** )  
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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C, §631(b)(5) and the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges (Regulations), the Court must appoint a Merit Selection Panel to assist the Court with the appointment and reappointment of magistrate judges.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the individuals whose names are set forth below be, and hereby are, appointed as a standing Merit Selection Panel for a seven-month term beginning January 15, 2020 and ending August 14, 2020. The Merit Selection Panel shall proceed as specified under the Regulations, Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 3, § 420.10-70, to make recommendations to the court pursuant to this Order. All Panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction on applying for a magistrate judge position set forth in § 420.30.20(d) of the Regulations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel whose full membership is set forth below is hereby appointed to recommend candidates to fill a magistrate judge vacancy expected to occur in the Court’s Yosemite National Park duty station on October 1, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel whose full membership is set forth below is hereby appointed also to make recommendations on the reappointment of a magistrate judge whose term will expire in the Court’s Fresno duty station on December 30, 2020.

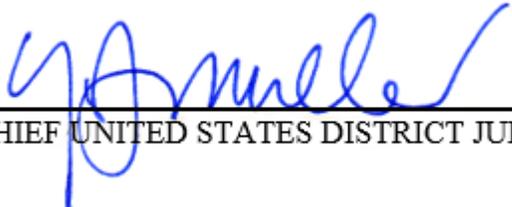
1. Kirk Sherriff, Assistant United States Attorney, Chair
2. Monica Bermudez, Attorney at Law
3. Michael Boyer, General Manager, Awahnee Hotel (non-attorney)
4. Hon. Mark Cullers, Fresno County Superior Court Judge
2. Charles Lee, Assistant Federal Defender
6. Toni Ortiz, Retired Supervising United States Probation Officer (non-attorney)
7. Hon. Sandra Snyder, Retired United States Magistrate Judge

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel will provide reports to the Court in confidence on filling the vacancy in Yosemite National Park and the reappointment in Fresno, as provided in the Regulations, within ninety (90) days of receiving notice of the vacancy and the reappointment from the court, unless directed otherwise by the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 15, 2020

FOR THE COURT:

  
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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE