

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NEETA THAKUR, et al.,
Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 25-cv-04737-RFL

**ORDER SETTING STATUS
CONFERENCE**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 7, 18

Plaintiffs are University of California researchers alleging that their “previously approved research grants from the Federal Agency Defendants have been unlawfully terminated or suspended since January 20, 2025” or “are imminently so threatened.” (Dkt. No. 7-1 at 19.) They seek, on behalf of themselves and those similarly situated, “an immediate temporary restraining order enjoining Defendants from cutting off grantees’ access to congressionally appropriated funding that agencies have already awarded; restoring such previously awarded grants; requiring Defendants to provide no-cost extensions to grantees of restored grants for the time necessary to resume and complete interrupted work; enjoining Defendants from undertaking similarly unlawful actions to terminate duly awarded Agency grants in future; and requiring Defendants to return to the lawful orderly and individualized grant administration procedures they employed pursuant to federal regulations prior to January 20, 2025.” (*Id.*) Plaintiffs also seek class certification. (Dkt. No. 18.)

In light of Plaintiffs’ motions, it is ordered:

1. Plaintiffs shall immediately send a copy of this order to Defendants, and any counsel for Defendants with whom Plaintiffs have been communicating regarding this matter.

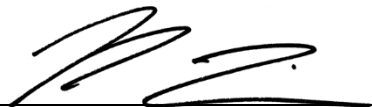
2. A status conference is set for **June 9, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom videoconference.

At the status conference, the Parties shall be prepared to discuss the following topics:

- a. Whether the Court should convert Plaintiffs' motion to a motion for a preliminary injunction—heard concurrently with Plaintiffs' motion for class certification—with Defendants' oppositions to both motions due June 12, 2025, Plaintiffs' replies due June 17, 2025, and with a hearing set for June 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- b. Alternatively, whether the Court should instead hear Plaintiffs' motion for a temporary restraining order—concurrently with Plaintiffs' motion for class certification—with Defendants' opposition to both motions due June 10, 2025, Plaintiffs' replies due June 12, 2025, and with a hearing set for June 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. A separate hearing would be set on the request for a preliminary injunction, as appropriate.
- c. Whether the Parties believe that expedited fact discovery is necessary regarding: (i) the agencies' procedures for issuing the relevant termination letters, and (ii) the relationship between the termination letters and the executive orders at issue. If expedited fact discovery is necessary, the Parties should be prepared to address their proposals for handling it efficiently and expeditiously.
- d. The status of service of process on Defendants.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 6, 2025



RITA F. LIN
United States District Judge