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 12 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 13 AND THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT COMPOSED OF THREE JUDGES
 15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2284, TITLE 28 UNITED STATES CODE

16 **RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,**
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 Plaintiffs,
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 v.
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 20 **EDMUND G. BROWN JR., et al.,**
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 Defendants.

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**DEFENDANTS' MARCH 2012 STATUS
 REPORT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 30,
 2011 ORDER**

1 Defendants submit this monthly status report on the state prison population. Exhibit A sets
2 forth the current design capacity, population, and population as a percentage of design capacity
3 for each state prison and for all state prisons combined.¹ Exhibit A shows that as of March 7,
4 2012, 126,111 inmates were housed in the state’s adult institutions, which amounts to 158.3% of
5 design capacity.² This is 18,077 fewer inmates than were housed in California’s prisons as
6 recently as October 1, 2011, when California’s historic public safety realignment was
7 implemented under Assembly Bill 109. (See Defendants’ October 14, 2011 report, Dkt. No.
8 4099-1.)

9 Defendants project that the in-state prison population will be reduced to 155% of design
10 capacity prior to the June 27, 2012 benchmark. (See Decl. of Ross Meier., ¶ 3.) Because the
11 current population and projections indicate that Defendants will achieve the next benchmark prior
12 to the date set by the Court, there is no need at this time to undertake additional crowding-
13 reduction measures to achieve compliance. (See *id.*)

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25 ¹ Although Exhibit A reports design capacity and actual population in the aggregate and
26 by institution, Defendants note that the Supreme Court recognized that the Court’s order affords
27 “the State flexibility to accommodate differences between institutions” and there is “no
28 requirement that every facility comply with the 137.5% limit.” *Brown v. Plata*, 131 S. Ct 1910,
1940-41, 179 L. Ed. 2d 969, 1000 (U.S. 2011).

² The data in Exhibit A is taken from CDCR’s March 12, 2012 weekly population report,
available on CDCR’s web site at http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Offender_Information_Services_Branch/Population_Reports.html.