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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JEREMY GURSEY, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
COMPANY, a California Corporation;
EDISON INTERNATIONAL, a California
Corporation; and DOES 1-200, inclusive,

Defendants.

Lead Case No.: 25STCV00731
and Related Cases

Assigned for all purposes to:

Judge: Hon. Laura A. Seigle
Dept: 17

**~~PROPOSED~~ CASE MANAGEMENT
ORDER NO. 18**

**CCP §§ 2032.310 and 2032.320
MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

FILED

Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

10/05/2026

David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

By: N. Navarro Deputy

1 Nothing in this order is intended to or does supersede any prior Case Management Order in
2 this matter, unless otherwise noted. See Case Management Order No. 1 dated March 17, 2025 (“CMO
3 1”), Case Management Order dated April 18, 2025 (“CMO 2”), Case Management Orders dated May
4 15, 2025 (“CMO 3” and “CMO 4”), and Case Management Order dated June 2, 2025 (“CMO 5”),
5 Case Management Order dated July 10, 2025 (“CMO 6”), and Case Management Order dated August
6 19, 2025 (“CMO 7”), Case Management Order dated September 19, 2025 (“CMO 8”), Case
7 Management Order dated October 6, 2025 (“CMO 9”), Case Management Order dated December
8 18, 2025 (“CMO 10”), Case Management Order dated February 9, 2026 (“CMO 11”), Case
9 Management Order dated April 7, 2026 (“CMO 12”), Case Management Order dated April 8, 2026
10 (“Amended CMO 8”), Case Management Order dated May 29, 2026 (“CMO 13”), [Proposed] Case
11 Management Order dated July 27, 2026 (“CMO 14A”) Case Management Order dated August 3,
12 2026 (“CMO 14B”), Case Management Order dated August 3, 2026 (“CMO 15”), and [Proposed]
13 Case Management Order dated September 9, 2026 (“CMO 16”). Nothing in this Order alters any
14 party’s obligations under any applicable Protective Order.

15 This Order governs the mental examinations of Bellwether Plaintiffs alleging emotional
16 distress pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2032.310 and 2032.320. It
17 establishes:

- 18 A. **Examinees.** Defendants may seek a mental examination pursuant to
19 California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2032.310 and 2032.320 for any
20 Individual Plaintiffs who have been chosen as Bellwether Plaintiffs¹ as of the
21 date of this Order alleging emotional distress.² No Bellwether Plaintiff shall
22 be required to submit to more than one mental examination, and no
23 examination of any additional Plaintiff shall occur absent further stipulation
24 of the Parties or order of the Court on a showing of good cause. The Parties
25 will meet and confer regarding Bellwether Plaintiffs who are minors or

26 ¹ The term “Bellwether Plaintiff(s)” means and includes the eight households and eight back up
27 households that were randomly selected for the January 25, 2027, bellwether trial.

28 ² This Order may be amended to apply to additional Individual Plaintiffs upon order of the Court.

1 persons under a conservatorship that require examination to discuss additional
2 requirements, if any, on a case-by-case basis. If an agreement cannot be
3 reached regarding an examination of a minor or person under a
4 conservatorship, then Defendants will need to seek an order of the Court on a
5 showing of good cause to compel the mental examination of a minor or
6 person under a conservatorship.

7 **B. Examiner.** Defendants have retained Dr. Brian Jacks, Dr. Michelle Guyton,
8 Dr. Danielle Therson, Dr. Michelle Mosich, and Dr. Linda Tsui
9 (“Examiners”) to conduct the examinations for the Bellwether Plaintiffs.
10 Only these Examiners will be used to examine the Bellwether Plaintiffs, and
11 Defendants will notify counsel for the Bellwether Plaintiff which specific
12 examiner will conduct the examination of their Bellwether Plaintiff at least 10
13 days before the examination. No other person-including any second examiner,
14 assistant, technician, proctor, trainee, student, observer, videographer, or
15 representative or employee of Defendants or their counsel-may participate in,
16 attend, observe, or listen in real time to any portion of the examination absent
17 agreement of the parties or further order of the Court. Any test scoring
18 performed by a person other than the examiner shall be disclosed and the
19 identity of that person provided with the examination report.

20 **C. Scope.** The description and scope of the examinations, including the intended
21 screening psychological testing, are listed within **Exhibits A and B**.

22 **D. Manner of Examinations.** The examinations shall be conducted virtually
23 over a web-based platform, such as Zoom. No person except the examiner
24 and examinee may participate in the examination absent agreement of the
25 parties or further order of the Court; provided, however, that an interpreter
26 and/or any accommodation reasonably required by an examinee’s disability
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1 or medical condition shall be permitted upon request.³ This prohibition does
2 not include family members or other household members of the Plaintiff
3 incidentally present by virtue of their cohabitation, though the Plaintiff
4 undergoing the evaluation should be in a private room away from all other
5 household members.

6 E. **Exam Time Limit.** Each examination must be completed within one day.
7 Breaks shall be freely given to Plaintiffs upon request.

8 F. **Exam Reports.** The examiners will draft a report for each examination.
9 These reports will be marked Attorneys' Eyes Only and provided
10 simultaneously to Defendants and Plaintiffs. Each report shall set forth all
11 opinions, findings, test results, score, diagnoses, and conclusions that may be
12 the subject of the examiner's testimony, together with a list of all materials
13 reviewed. Examiners will provide each examination report to the Defendants
14 and the relevant Bellwether Plaintiff's counsel 15 days after the examination
15 is complete.

16 G. **Raw Data.** Within 5 days of the examination, Examiners will provide counsel
17 for the Bellwether Plaintiff the raw data of any testing they perform,
18 including the testing data, scoring sheets, and written notes prepared by the
19 examiner or any member of the examiner's staff in relation to the case.

20 H. **Video Recordings.** The entire examination shall be video-recorded by the
21 examiner via Zoom or similar web-based platform with recording capabilities.
22 An unaltered copy of the video recording for the examination shall be
23 delivered to Plaintiff and Defendants at the same time the report is provided.
24 Defendants shall not be permitted to use the video footage of the examination
25 at trial.

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27 ³ Where an interpreter and/or any accommodation is required, the parties shall confer regarding the
28 ~~time exam time limit and agree~~ on a reasonable extension as necessary.

I. Scope of Examination. The psychological examinations may encompass a clinical interview, testing, as applicable, and a review of relevant medical and mental health records. Nothing in this stipulation creates a right to medical and mental health records not otherwise provided. The clinical interview portion will cover topics including personal history, health history, and any experiences or issues related to the Plaintiff's medical causation and the injuries alleged in this case. Examiners shall not inquire into, and the Plaintiff need not answer any question concerning, communications between the Plaintiff and Plaintiffs' counsel, the Plaintiff's retention of counsel, fee arrangements, litigation strategy, settlement, deposition preparation, or any anticipated trial testimony, including Plaintiff's communications with retained experts, if any, in advance of trial.

J. Acknowledgment of Order. Defendants shall provide a copy of this Order to each examiner at least five (5) days before that examiner's first examination, and shall serve on counsel for the respective Individual Plaintiff subject to examination, at least three (3) days before the examination the examiner's signed acknowledgment that the examiner has read this Order and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 10/05/2026




Hon. Laura A. Seigle
Judge of the Superior Court
Laura A. Seigle / Judge

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION

In accordance with my reasonable and customary practice, the psychiatric examination will span approximately five to six hours excluding breaks. It will consist of a detailed, face-to-face interview, formal mental status examination, and appropriate, generally accepted standardized written psychological testing, and if there is an issue of memory impairment or head injury, screening cognitive assessment. The usual screening psychological testing for adults will include Beck Anxiety Inventory, Beck Depression Inventory, Beck Suicide Scale, Daily Stress Inventory, Wahler Physical Symptoms Inventory, Epworth Sleepiness Scale, and MMPI-2 [Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory].

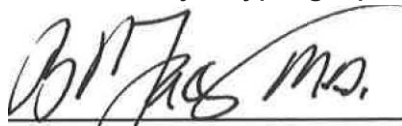
The individual psychiatric interview includes general background information, history of the present injury, current symptoms including physical and psychological, recent operations or hospitalizations, current treatment, current medications if any, past legal history, past medical history, current activities, personal/social history including family history, educational history, military history, current living situation, marital history, prior psychiatric history.

The purpose of any psychiatric examination is the same, namely to reach conclusions about any diagnosis, if present, any treatment, if needed, including the details of the type, frequency, duration, and the estimated treatment costs; for medical-legal purposes, conclusions concerning any emotional or psychological impact of the alleged or claimed injury or situation or stress, causation of any psychiatric injury and any other specific issues needed for medical-legal purposes.

The psychiatric examination will not involve any physical examination. There will be no blood tests or any other intrusive medical studies or procedures. The examination will be conducted at my office whose address is above. This is unless other arrangements are made. I do not provide validated parking. The examinee should please bring with him/her any glasses or hearing aids that he/she will need for the oral interview and written testing.

Respectfully,

[Electronically/Cryptographically Signed]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B8 Jacks M.D.", is written over a horizontal line.

BRIAN 8. JACKS, M.D.
Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, USC
QME#: 912176

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EXHIBIT B

Psychological tests and procedures that may be used in the Eaton Fire litigation

Psychologists select tests for use in assessments based on several factors. These include the purpose of the evaluation, the specific psychological construct to be assessed (e.g., trauma, depression, attention, response distortion), and the needs and abilities of the person being assessed. It is not uncommon to select or unselect tests during the evaluation process as more becomes known about the examinee and their clinical presentation. The following list is broad and inclusive of tests that may be used in this type of evaluation. Each of these tests is scientifically developed with a strong evidence base to support its utility. The tests are listed in alphabetical order. Of note, some tests have versions available in other languages. Other tests have youth-specific versions and many of the tests on this list would not be appropriate for use with people under the age of 18.

Potential tests that may be used:

Adaptive Behavior Assessment Scale, 3rd edition
Beck Anxiety Inventory
Beck Depression Inventory, 2nd edition
Beck Hopelessness Scale
Behavioral Rating Inventory of Executive Functioning, Adult version
Brief Resilience Scale
California Verbal Learning Test, 3rd edition, Brief or Standard
Childhood Trauma Questionnaire
Comprehensive Assessment of PTSD Symptoms, 5th edition
Connor-Davidson Resilience Scale
Detailed Assessment of Posttraumatic Stress
Dissociative Experiences Scale
Dot Counting Test
Generalized Anxiety Disorder-7
Geriatric Anxiety Scale
Geriatric Depression Scale
Inventory of Problems-29
Inventory of Psychosocial Functioning
Life Events Checklist, 5th edition
Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms
Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory 2-RF/3

Montreal Cognitive Assessment
Moral Injury and Distress Scale
Morel Emotional Numbing Test
NEO Personality Inventory-3
Patient Health Questionnaire-9
Paulhus Deception Scale
Peritraumatic Dissociative Stress Scale
Personality Assessment Inventory
Posttraumatic Growth Inventory
PTSD Checklist, 5th edition
Repeatable Battery for the Assessment of Neuropsychological Status
Social Responsivity Scale
St. Louis University Mental Status
Structured Interview of Reported Symptoms, 2nd edition
Structured Inventory of Malingered Symptoms
Test of Memory Malingered
Test of Premorbid Functioning
Trauma Symptom Inventory, 2nd edition
Validity Indicator Profile
Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales, 3rd edition
Well-Being Inventory
Wide Range Achievement Test, 4th edition
World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0