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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WAYNE ELDERWIN NEWSON,)	1:09-cv-663 OWW GSA
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Plaintiff,)	ORDER DENYING DISCOVERY RELATED
)	MOTIONS
v.)	
)	
WAL-MART STORES, INC.,)	(Docs. 40, 41 and 48)
)	
Defendant.)	

On January 4, 2010, Plaintiff, who is appearing pro se, filed two motions for extensions of time to respond to various discovery requests made by Defendant. (Docs. 40 and 41). On March 5, 2010, Plaintiff filed another Motion entitled, "Relief from Waiver of Right to Produce Writings and Documents." (Doc. 48). In the last motion, Plaintiff contends that his completed responses to the discovery requests were forwarded to Defendant on March 5, 2010, and he seeks a waiver from the Court because it appears that his responses were not timely filed.

Plaintiff is advised that the Court does not grant extensions of time to answer discovery requests. The Court does not become involved in discovery disputes until a Motion to Compel Discovery is filed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37. Therefore, all of Plaintiff's motions are DENIED.

Plaintiff is advised that any requests for extension of time to respond to the discovery requests should be directed to opposing counsel. Although Plaintiff's motions references the California Civil Code, Plaintiff is advised that the discovery procedures are governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Given that Plaintiff is pro per, the parties are encouraged to

1 work together to complete the discovery process.

2 IT IS SO ORDERED.

3 Dated: April 15, 2010

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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