1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 7 No. 1:14-cv-01123 GEB SKO COOPERATIVE REGIONS OF ORGANIC PRODUCER POOLS, a 8 Wisconsin Stock Cooperative, 9 ORDER Plaintiff, 10 v. 11 STUEVE'S CERTIFIED ORGANIC DAIRY, a California business 12 entity of unknown form; LLOYD L. STUEVE, individually and 13 doing business as Stueve's Certified Organic Dairy; 14 GAGE STUEVE, individually and doing business as Stueve's 15 Certified Organic Dairy; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, 16 Defendants. 17 18 On July 28, 2014, Plaintiff filed a document entitled 19 "Proposed Order Re Expedited Preliminary Injunction Proceedings," 20 seeking a preliminary injunction hearing on an expedited schedule 2.1 and requesting that its motion for a temporary restraining order 2.2 ("TRO") be construed as a motion for a preliminary injunction. 23 (ECF No. 12.) Plaintiff also sent an email communication to the 24 Court deputy clerk, "request[ing] that the Court hear the matter 25 on an expedited basis on Friday, August 1, 2014, or as soon 26 thereafter as possible." (See Appendix 1.) 2.7 Plaintiff's motion for a TRO was denied on July 25, 28 1

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Plaintiff ha[d] not explained why it did not seek injunctive relief earlier. This failure of explanation for Plaintiff's three-week delay in seeking a TRO implie[d] that, under the circumstances, its delay ha[d] contributed to part of the irreparable injury it aver[red] it [was] enduring, and that it should proceed by an expedited preliminary injunction proceeding, rather than an ex

parte TRO proceeding.

(ECF No. 10.) However, Plaintiff's proposed order does not evince compliance with Local Rule 144(e), which prescribes, in pertinent part:

Applications to shorten time shall set forth by affidavit of counsel the circumstances claimed to justify the issuance of an order shortening time. Ex parte applications to shorten time will not be granted except upon affidavit of counsel showing a satisfactory explanation for the need for the issuance of such an order and for the failure of counsel to obtain a stipulation for the issuance of such an order from other counsel or parties in the action.

Communication with opposing "counsel or parties in the action" should include any proposed briefing schedule and hearing date. L.R. 144(e). Since Plaintiff has not shown compliance with this Local Rule, the proposed order will not be signed.

Dated: July 29, 2014

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Appendix 1



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RE: Cooperative Regions of Organic Producer Pools v. Stueve's Certified Organic Dairy, et al.

U.S. District Court for Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:14-cv-01123-GEB-SKO

Dear Ms. Furstenau:

Enclosed please find Plaintiff Cooperative Regions of Organic Producer Pools' ("CROPP Cooperative") [Proposed] Order re Expedited Preliminary Injunction Proceedings.

On July 25, 2014, the Court took CROPP Cooperative's *ex parte* application for a temporary restraining order and order to show cause re preliminary injunction ("Application") under submission and issued an Order denying CROPP Cooperative's request for a temporary restraining order. (Dkt. No. 10.) In the Order, the Court found that CROPP Cooperative's request "should proceed by an expedited preliminary injunction proceeding, rather than an ex parte TRO proceeding." (*Id.* at 4:2-4:2.) "This would provide Defendants with an opportunity to respond to Plaintiff's request for injunctive relief[.]" (*Id.* at 4:3-4:4.) The Order, however, did not specify an expedited hearing date or briefing schedule.

Accordingly, CROPP Cooperative hereby respectfully submits the enclosed [Proposed] Order re Expedited Preliminary Injunction Proceedings, with regard to a proposed briefing schedule. We also request that the Court hear the matter on an expedited basis on **Friday**, **August 1**, **2014**, or as soon thereafter as possible.



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Should the Court have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Melissa A. Jones

MAJ/bmv Enclosure

cc: Stueve's Certified Organic Dairy (with enclosure)

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