

1 Upon review of Plaintiff's motion, the Court finds it appropriate to require the parties to
2 engage in a meet and confer conference regarding this discovery matter. It appears significant
3 time and resources may be saved through that process, obviating the need for any motion to
4 compel and related briefing. Therefore, Plaintiff's motion to extend the discovery deadline will
5 be denied, without prejudice, and the Court will instruct the parties to meet and confer to attempt
6 to resolve this matter, as described below.

7 **II. Meet and Confer**

8 Defense counsel is directed to contact Plaintiff by telephone, or to set-up an in-person
9 meeting, regarding this discovery matter. In conducting the meet and confer conference, the
10 parties are reminded that they are required to act in good faith during the course of discovery.
11 Complete, accurate, and truthful discovery responses are required. False or incomplete responses
12 violate the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and subject an offending party and/or counsel to
13 sanctions. Boilerplate objections will not be tolerated and will be summarily overruled.
14 Privileges are narrowly construed and are generally disfavored. Information not properly
15 disclosed may be excluded from later use in support of a motion, at a hearing, or at trial.

16 Within twenty-one (21) days of this order, the parties must have met and conferred, and
17 defense counsel must file a Joint Statement regarding the conference. All parties shall participate
18 in the preparation of the Joint Statement, and must sign the Joint Statement. Electronic signatures
19 are acceptable; a wet signature is not required.

20 The Joint Statement shall set forth the following:

- 21 (a) a statement that the parties met and conferred in good faith regarding the dispute, by
22 phone or in-person, including the date(s) of the conference(s);
23 (b) a statement explaining whether this dispute was resolved in full or in part through the
24 meet and confer process; and
25 (c) if any issues remain unresolved, a statement explaining the dispute and the parties'
26 positions.

27 Upon review of the Joint Statement, the court shall issue a further order regarding this
28 matter. No additional filings may be made on this issue unless and until ordered by the court.

1 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

2 1. Plaintiff's motion for an extension of the discovery deadline, filed on May 9,
3 2018 (Doc. 31) is denied, without prejudice;

4 2. The parties are ordered to meet and confer as outlined above;

5 3. Within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this order, a Joint Statement shall
6 be filed in this matter as outlined above; and

7 4. **The parties are warned that the failure to meet and confer in good faith as**
8 **set forth in this order, or to comply with any of its terms, will result in the imposition of**
9 **sanctions.**

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11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 Dated: May 11, 2018

13 /s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
14 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE