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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

7 CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,
11 TRICAM INDUSTRIES, INC.,

12 Defendants.

Case No. 1:17-CV-00959-LJO-EPG

**ORDER SETTING MID-DISCOVERY
STATUS CONFERENCE AND
MODIFYING SCHEDULING ORDER**

Hearing Date: 5/31/2018

Hearing Time: 10:30 AM

Courtroom : 10

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14 Due to the reassignment of this matter from Magistrate Judge Michael J. Seng, and
15 recusal of Magistrate Judge Sheila K. Oberto, this case has been reassigned to Magistrate Judge
16 Erica P. Grosjean. The Court sets a Mid-Discovery Status Conference on **May 31, 2018, at**
17 **10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10**, before Magistrate Judge Erica P. Grosjean. The parties are
18 directed to file a joint report, of up to five (5) pages, outlining the status of the case, including
19 any additional discovery planned, the potential for settlement, and any other issues pending that
20 would benefit from the Court's assistance/direction. The parties shall file the report one full
21 week prior to the conference, and email a copy, in Word format, to
22 epgorders@caed.uscourts.gov. If the parties are appearing telephonically, each party shall dial
23 1 (888) 251-2909 and enter access code 1024453.

24 The Court further modifies the Scheduling Order issued in this action as follows:

25 **VI. Pre-Trial Motion Schedule**

26 **B. Discovery Motions**

27 In order to file a discovery motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37, a party must
28 receive permission from the Court following an informal telephonic discovery dispute

1 conference. Any party(ies) wishing to schedule such a conference should contact Courtroom
2 Deputy Michelle Means Rooney at mrooney@caed.uscourts.gov, with all parties to the dispute
3 copied, advising the Court of the parties' available dates and times within a one-week period.
4 The Court will set the conference as soon as possible, taking into consideration the urgency
5 of the issue, on a date and time convenient for the involved parties and the Court. The Court
6 will also advise the parties of how to connect to the Court's toll-free conference line.

7 Prior to the conference, the parties shall simultaneously submit letters, outlining
8 their positions regarding the dispute. Such letters shall be no longer than three (3) pages
9 single-spaced, and may include up to five (5) pages of exhibits. Letters shall be emailed to the
10 Court at epgorders@caed.uscourts.gov—but *not* filed on the docket—to be received at least
11 twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled conference, *unless otherwise ordered by the*
12 *Court.*

13 The telephonic conference will not be on the record and the Court will not issue a
14 formal ruling at that time. Nevertheless, the Court will attempt to provide guidance to the
15 parties to narrow or dispose of the dispute. If no resolution can be reached without formal
16 motion practice, the Court will authorize filing of a formal discovery motion.

17 Formal discovery motions shall comply with Local Rule 251.

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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21 DATED: 5/3/2018

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24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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