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In this case, the named defendants are located in Monterey County and plaintiff's claim arose in Monterey County. Monterey County is located within the boundaries of the Northern District of California. Therefore, plaintiff's claim should have been filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

DATED: January 16, 2013.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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