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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE
ORDER OF PATRONS OF
HUSBANDRY, a District of
Columbia nonprofit
corporation,

 Plaintiff,

 v.

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE, a
California corporation,

 Defendant.

CIV. NO. 2:14-676 WBS DAD

ORDER RE: MOTION TO MODIFY
STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING)
ORDER

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Defendant California State Grange moves to modify the court's July 3, 2014 Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b) on the basis that discovery has not proceeded as quickly as originally anticipated and that defendant's annual convention and business meeting conflicts with the current trial date of October 14, 2015. (Def.'s Mem. at 3-4 (Docket NO. 26-1)); Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b) (4) ("A schedule may be modified only for good cause and with the

1 judge's consent."). Plaintiff National Grange of the Order of
2 Patrons of Husbandry opposes the motion. (See Pl.'s Opp'n
3 (Docket No. 27).)


4 The court finds modification of the trial date
5 inappropriate at this time. Given the early stage of this
6 litigation and the substantial amount of time between now and the
7 trial date of October 14, 2015, modification would do little to
8 secure a certain trial schedule. Delaying modification will
9 allow the parties and the court to develop their calendars and
10 more efficiently schedule trial to avoid conflicts. Defendant
11 may renew its motion at a later date if appropriate.

12 Moreover, defendant's current motion has failed to show
13 good cause for a modification. Defendant had notice of the trial
14 date for more than six months and has failed to show any attempt
15 to avoid a conflict with its annual convention and business
16 meeting. Without more, the court finds defendant's argument
17 insufficient to delay resolution of this matter.

18 Requests to modify all other dates and deadlines,
19 including those related to discovery, shall be made to the
20 assigned Magistrate Judge in accordance with this court's
21 instructions. (See July 3, 2014 Status (Pretrial Scheduling)
22 Order at 5.)

23 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that defendant California State
24 Grange's motion to modify the court's Status (Pretrial
25 Scheduling) Order be, and the same hereby is, DENIED.

26 Dated: January 14, 2015

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28 **WILLIAM B. SHUBB**
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE