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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NATE WORTH,

Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONWIDE AGRIBUSINESS
INSURANCE COMPANY, an Iowa
corporation qualified to do
business in California AKA
NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE
AKA ALLIED INSURANCE,

Defendant.

No. 2:14-cv-02068-GEB-AC

**ORDER RE VDRP REQUEST AND
AMENDING THE STATUS (PRETRIAL
SCHEDULING) ORDER**

On March 11, 2015, the parties filed a Stipulation to Elect Referral of Action to Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program ("VDRP") and a Proposed Order, in which they agree as follows:

- A. The Parties shall conduct a private mediation of the case with the jointly selected mediator, in accordance with L.R. 271(a)(3);
- B. The mediation shall be conducted and completed by May 31, 2015;
- C. The provision and requirements of L.R. 271(j), (k) and (l) for VDRP sessions, shall be applicable to their mediation conference; and
- D. The Parties shall file a completion report or dismissal as required by L.R. 271(o), on or within 14 days of the VDRP session.

(Proposed Order, ECF No. 11-1.) The parties also seek in the

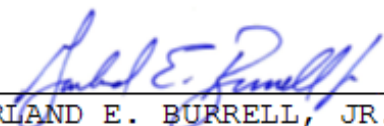
1 proposed order to stay all discovery, "with the exception of the
2 continuing duty of the parties to supplement their disclosures
3 under Rule 26(a)" until a later date to be chosen by the Court.
4 (Id. at 2:3-4.)

5 The parties' stipulation is in essence a de facto
6 request to modify the Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Order that is
7 not supported by a showing of good cause. However, in light of
8 the parties' joint request for more time to seek to mediate this
9 case, the November 21, 2014 Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Order is
10 amended as follows:

11 All discovery shall be completed by October 14, 2015;
12 each party shall comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
13 26(a)(2)(B) and (C)'s initial expert witness disclosure
14 requirements on or before June 16, 2015, and any contradictory
15 and/or rebuttal expert disclosure authorized under Rule
16 26(a)(2)(D)(ii) on or before July 14, 2015; the last hearing date
17 for motions shall be December 14, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m.;
18 and the final pretrial conference is set for February 8, 2016, at
19 11:00 a.m. in courtroom 10.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 Dated: March 13, 2015

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25 GARIAND E. BURRELL, JR.
26 Senior United States District Judge
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