

1 1. Within fourteen (14) days of this Order, the
2 parties shall contact the court's VDRP administrator, Sujean
3 Park, at (916) 930-4278 or SPark@caed.uscourts.gov, to start the
4 process of selecting an appropriate neutral. The parties shall
5 carefully review and comply with Local Rule 271, which outlines
6 the specifications and requirements of the VDRP.

7 2. Any party that objects to this referral to the
8 VDRP shall file its objections within seven (7) days of this
9 Order. Such objections shall clearly outline why that party
10 believes that the action is not appropriate for referral to the
11 VDRP.

12 3. To avoid the unnecessary expenditure of costs and
13 attorneys' fees, this action is hereby stayed to provide the
14 parties time to complete the VDRP session. No later than five
15 (5) days after completion of the VDRP session, the parties shall
16 file a joint statement indicating whether a settlement was
17 reached.

18 4. The court hereby resets the Status (Pretrial
19 Scheduling) Conference for February 13, 2017. If a settlement is
20 not reached through VDRP, the parties shall submit an Amended
21 Joint Status Report no later than January 30, 2017.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: December 1, 2016

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25 **WILLIAM B. SHUBB**
26 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**