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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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SCOTT JOHNSON,
Plaintiff,
v.
A&J PETRO INC., a California
corporation, and DOES 1
through 10,
Defendant.

CIV. NO. 2:16-2311 WBS CKD
ORDER REFERRING CASE TO VDRP AND
STAYING PROCEEDINGS

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The court has determined that this case is appropriate for an early settlement conference and will refer the action to the court's Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program ("VDRP").

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

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

1 the specifications and requirements of the VDRP.

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

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

13 4. The parties shall complete the VDRP session no
14 later than April 10, 2017. The court hereby resets the Status
15 (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference for May 8, 2017. If a
16 settlement is not reached through VDRP, the parties shall submit
17 an Amended Joint Status Report no later than April 24, 2017.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 Dated: February 7, 2017



WILLIAM B. SHUBB
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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