1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 DEBRA LONDON, an individual, No. 2:17-cv-00687 KJM AC 12 Plaintiff. 13 v. **ORDER** 14 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; and DOES 1 through 10 inclusive, 15 Defendants. 16 17 18 Pending before the court is plaintiff's motion to compel. ECF No. 43. The motion is 19 currently set for hearing on September 19, 2018 before the undersigned. This discovery matter 20 was referred to the undersigned pursuant to E.D. Cal. R. ("Local Rule") 302(c)(1). 21 Local Rule 251(b) establishes requirements for any party bringing a motion pursuant to 22 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26 through 37, including the requirement that the parties meet 23 and confer and file a joint discovery statement. Here, no joint discovery statement has been filed. 24 Additionally, other than a stipulation between the parites to extend discovery deadlines, ECF No. 25 45, there is no indication that the parties have met and conferred regarding the instant dispute. 26 Because plaintiff, the moving party, did not satisfy Local Rule 251(b)'s meet and confer 27 requirement and the joint discovery statement requirement, the motion to compel discovery will 28 be denied without prejudice. See e.g., U.S. v. Molen, 2012 WL 5940383, at *1 (E.D.Cal. Nov. 1

27, 2012) (where a party fails to comply with Local Rule 251, discovery motions are denied without prejudice to re-filing). For the reasons state above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 1. The September 19, 2018 hearing on plaintiff's motion to compel is VACATED; and 2. Plaintiff's motion to compel, ECF No. 43, is DENIED without prejudice. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATE: September 17, 2018 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE