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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICHARD REHHAUT,
Plaintiff,
v.
TAHOE KEYS MARINA AND YACHT
CLUB, LLC et al,
Defendants.

No. 2:17-cv-02091-MCE-KJN

ORDER

On October 10, 2017, plaintiff initiated this case against defendants for damages and injunctive relief for alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the California Unruh Civil Rights Act. (ECF No. 1). On that same day, United States District Judge Morrison C. England issued an initial scheduling order, setting forth preliminary deadlines for discovery and dispositive motions. (ECF No. 3.)

On November 30, 2017, the parties filed a joint status report indicating that a court-convened settlement conference would be a good idea, after the completion of some discovery. (ECF No. 6 at 6.) Plaintiff stipulated to the court’s Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program (“VDRP”). (*Id.*) Subsequently, plaintiff brought a motion to compel discovery responses, based upon the alleged failure of defendants to respond to certain discovery requests. (ECF No. 11.)


1 In the interest of avoiding the accumulation of fees and costs through potentially
2 unnecessary discovery and motion practice, and to allow the parties additional time to pursue an
3 early informal resolution of this matter with the assistance of a third party neutral, the court finds
4 it appropriate to stay the action and refer it the court's VDRP.

5 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 6 1. The action is STAYED until further order of the court and REFERRED to the VDRP.
- 7 2. In light of the stay, plaintiff's motion to compel (ECF No. 11) is denied without
8 prejudice, subject to renewal at the completion of the VDRP.
- 9 3. Within fourteen (14) days of this order, the parties shall contact the court's VDRP
10 administrator, Sujean Park, at (916) 930-4278 or SPark@caed.uscourts.gov, to start
11 the process of selecting an appropriate neutral.
- 12 4. The parties shall carefully review and comply with Local Rule 271, which outlines the
13 specifications and requirements of the VDRP.
- 14 5. No later than fourteen (14) days after completion of the VDRP session, the parties
15 shall jointly file their VDRP Completion Report, consistent with Local Rule 271(o).
- 16 6. Any party that objects to this referral to the VDRP shall file its objections within seven
17 (7) days of this order. Such objections shall clearly outline why that party believes
18 that the action is not appropriate for referral to the VDRP.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: May 4, 2018

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23 KENDALL J. NEWMAN
24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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