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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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SCOTT JOHNSON,
Plaintiff,
v.
IRAJ SAFAPOUR, Trustee of the
Safapour Family Trust Dated
February 24, 2011; MAHVASH
SAFAPOUR, Trustee of the
Safapour Family Trust Dated
February 24, 2011; and DOES
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Defendants.

CIV. NO. 2:18-187 WBS EFB
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

1 process of selecting an appropriate neutral. The parties shall
2 carefully review and comply with Local Rule 271, which outlines
3 the specifications and requirements of the VDRP.

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

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

15 4. The parties shall complete the VDRP session no
16 later than July 23, 2018. The court hereby resets the Status
17 (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference for August 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
18 in Courtroom 5, 14th Floor. If a settlement is not reached
19 through VDRP, the parties shall submit an Amended Joint Status
20 Report no later than August 13, 2018.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

22 Dated: May 16, 2018



23 **WILLIAM B. SHUBB**
24 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**
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