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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LIA D. MOLLICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, ET AL.,  
  
Defendants.

No. 2:19-cv-2017 KJM DB

ORDER

On January 4, 2021, plaintiff filed a motion to compel and noticed the motion for hearing before the undersigned on February 19, 2021, pursuant to Local Rule 302(c)(1). (ECF No. 34.) On February 10, 2021, the parties filed a Joint Statement re Discovery Disagreement pursuant to Local Rule 251. (ECF No. 35.)

The undersigned’s Standard Information re discovery disputes set forth on the court’s web page explains that parties must meet and confer prior to filing a discovery motion and “must again confer in person or via telephone or video conferencing” prior to the filing of the joint statement. See <http://www.caed.uscourts.gov/caednew/index.cfm/judges/all-judges/united-states-magistrate-judge-deborah-barnes-db>. Here, the parties’ Joint Statement reflects the parties last meet and confer occurred prior to filing the January 4, 2021 notice of motion to compel. (JS

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1 (ECF No. 35) at 6.) Despite the passage of over a month the parties did not meet and confer prior  
2 to filing the Joint Statement as required by the undersigned's Standard Information.<sup>1</sup>

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 4 1. Plaintiff's January 4, 2021 motion to compel (ECF No. 34) is denied without prejudice  
5 to renewal<sup>2</sup>; and  
6 2. The February 19, 2021 hearing is vacated.

7 Dated: February 16, 2021

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26 <sup>1</sup> Moreover, it appears that outside of the exchange of emails the parties only met and conferred  
27 via telephone once, on December 3, 2020. (JS (ECF No. 35) at 5.)

28 <sup>2</sup> To the extent it may aide the parties' future meet and confer efforts, the parties are advised that  
the undersigned found plaintiff's portion of the Joint Statement to be quite persuasive.