



1 the court to stay the briefing and hearing of Emergy’s motion “until after entry of a final  
2 judgment.” Mot. for Admin. Relief at 2, ECF No. 137.

3 This court’s standing order requires attorneys to meet and confer with one another before  
4 they file motions. *See* Standing Order at 3, ECF No. 4-1. However, the parties’ counsel have not  
5 met and conferred prior to the filing of this motion for administrative relief. Mot. for Admin.  
6 Relief. In email correspondence between the parties, Better Meat’s counsel suggests this  
7 requirement would be futile here. Ex. 1 at 2, ECF No.137–1. However, the correspondence  
8 indicates Emergy’s counsel was willing to schedule a time to meet and confer and had “several  
9 questions about the scope and basis of [the] motion.” *Id.* at 3. Instead, after one failed scheduling  
10 attempt, Better Meat’s counsel proposed speaking with opposing counsel the day after filing the  
11 motion; if the parties came to any agreement after the motion was filed, Better Meat would  
12 remove the motion from the calendar “with no one worse for wear.” *Id.* at 2.

13 As discussed in detail in *Mollica v. County of Sacramento*, this court is “unwilling to  
14 excuse non-compliance with its standing order.” No. 2:19-02017, 2022 WL 15053335, at \*1  
15 (E.D. Cal. Oct. 26, 2022). The meet and confer requirement saves time and resources for the  
16 court, counsel, clients and other litigants before the court. *See id.* Counsel’s ill-fated strategy to  
17 file the present motion and then remove the motion only if/when the parties reached an  
18 agreement, would, in fact, not leave “no one worse for wear.” Counsel has wasted its client’s  
19 money, its own time and resources and the time and resources of this court.

20 The **court denies Better Meat’s motion for administrative relief without prejudice.** If  
21 Better Meat wishes to refile this motion, it must comply with the court’s standing order before  
22 doing so.

23 This order resolves ECF No. 137.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 DATED: May 22, 2023.

  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE