UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DENISE SCHMIDT,

v.

Plaintiff,

No. C 05-0197 VRW (MEJ)

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, et al.,

NOTICE OF REFERENCE FOR PURPOSES OF DISCOVERY

Defendants.

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The above-captioned case was referred to Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James for purposes of discovery. Please be advised that if a specific motion was filed before the district court prior to this referral, the noticed date will no longer be in effect. Rather, the parties shall comply with Judge James' Standing Order Regarding Discovery and Dispute Procedures, a copy of which may be obtained from the Northern District of California's website at http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/From the homepage, click on the "Judges" tab on the left margin, then choose Magistrate Judge James.

Counsel are advised that in regard to any pending discovery disputes, they must comply with Judge James' standing order and meet and confer in person. If the parties are unable to resolve their dispute after the meet and confer session, they shall file a joint meet and confer letter. A separate letter should be filed for each category of discovery and/or issue in dispute. Upon careful review of the parties' letter, the Court will either order further briefing, oral argument, or deem the matter submitted on the papers. Accordingly, any pending discovery motions are hereby DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE to the filing of a joint letter.

Further, when filing papers that require the Court to take any action (e.g. motions, meet and confer letters, administrative requests), the parties shall, in addition to filing papers electronically, lodge with chambers a printed copy of the papers by noon of the next court day following the day

the papers are filed electronically. These printed copies shall be marked "Chambers Copy" and shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office, in an envelope clearly marked with Judge James' name, case number and "E-Filing Chambers Copy." Parties shall not file a paper copy of any document with the Clerk's Office that has already been filed electronically. Please contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Brenda Tolbert, at (415) 522-4708 with any questions. IT IS SO ORDERED Dated: May 25, 2010 Maria-Elena James Chief United States Magistrate Judge