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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MERCEDES ALVAREZ, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
FARMERS INSURANCE EXCHANGE,
Defendant.

Case No. [14-cv-00574-WHO](#)

**ORDER ON DISCOVERY DISPUTES
REGARDING DEPOSITION OF
DEFENDANT'S CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND
DEFENDANT'S DOCUMENT
PRODUCTION**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 94, 95 and 96

The parties have submitted various discovery disputes for my determination. Dkt. Nos. 94-96. Having reviewed their joint and individual statements, I ORDER that:

1. Plaintiffs' request to depose Deborah Aldredge, defendant's Chief Administrative Officer, is DENIED without prejudice. Plaintiffs have not explained why a 30(b)(6) deposition will not be sufficient to address the relevant state-wide issues. Plaintiffs identify one alleged complaint that Ms. Aldredge may have handled, but a deposition by written question could address that matter and determine whether she performed her own investigation of systemic off-the-clock work. If she did, her deposition may well be appropriate. Plaintiffs also alleged that they have not received complaints of off-the-clock work and missed meal and rest breaks and that Ms. Aldredge may have handled some of those complaints. Defendant represents that those complaints have now been produced. If plaintiffs can demonstrate why a deposition of Ms. Aldredge is necessary after completing the type of discovery referred to above, they should renew this request.
2. Plaintiffs ask for searches to be run on the emails and files of a random sample of class

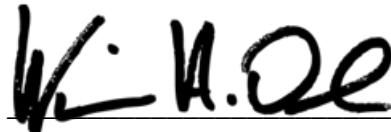
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members' supervisors and managers. Defendant asserts that no discovery request has been received with that request. It is unclear to me why this material is being sought, procedurally and substantively, and the request is DENIED without prejudice to a showing of materiality and necessity.

3. Defendant represents that all other outstanding discovery issues have been resolved. It is unclear whether defendant is agreeing to produce the requested documents or has already done so. I ORDER that if defendant has not actually produced the documents that had been in dispute, it should do so within seven days or provide plaintiffs with a schedule detailing when the documents will be produced. Said schedule shall demonstrate that the defendant has prioritized the production.
4. If plaintiffs dispute defendant's representation regarding the resolution of these discovery issues, the parties shall send me a joint letter outlining their disagreement(s) on or before May 26, 2015. With respect to items one and two above, plaintiffs may renew their requests at any time they have the factual basis to do so.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 12, 2015



WILLIAM H. ORRICK
United States District Judge