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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ESPERANZA CORRAL, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.,
et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. [14-cv-02251-MEJ](#)

**ORDER RE: REFERRAL FOR
PURPOSE OF DETERMINING
WHETHER CASES ARE RELATED**

Re: Dkt. No. 36

The above-captioned case was previously settled, and the Court dismissed it with prejudice on January 13, 2015. *See* Dkt. Nos. 34-35. On June 1, 2015, the Honorable Edward M. Chen referred *Corral v. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., et al.*, No. 15-1542-EMC (N.D. Cal. filed Apr. 3, 2015) to the undersigned for consideration of whether it is related to the above-captioned case. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-12, the Court finds that these cases are related. In such circumstances, the 15-1542 case would ordinarily be reassigned to the undersigned as the presiding judge in the lower-numbered case. However, after Judge Chen’s referral, Defendant Select Portfolio Servicing filed a declination to proceed before a magistrate judge in the 15-1542 case. Thus, the undersigned is without jurisdiction to conduct dispositive proceedings and, if the Clerk of Court were to reassign the 15-1542 case, it would be reassigned to a random district court judge. Such reassignment is unnecessary as the case is already properly before Judge Chen and the 14-2251 case has been dismissed. Accordingly, no reassignment shall occur and the 15-1542 case shall remain with Judge Chen.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 3, 2015



MARIA-ELENA JAMES
United States Magistrate Judge