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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LUCILLE WINSTON, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. [14-cv-05417-MEJ](#)

**ORDER FOR PARTIES TO APPEAR
FOR COURTROOM MEET AND
CONFER SESSION**


The Court is in receipt of Defendant United States of America's request for a telephonic conference to enforce this Court's Discovery Standing Order that the parties meet and confer in person to resolve discovery disputes. Dkt. No. 70. In the request, Defendant indicates Plaintiff Lucille Winston's counsel has failed to respond to repeated attempts to confer about discovery matters. *Id.* Pursuant to the undersigned's Discovery Standing Order, the parties must meet and confer in person in an attempt to resolve any discovery disputes. If unable to reach a resolution, they may then file a joint letter. This process requires the parties to distill the issues and frame their arguments in a manner that allows the Court to rule on them efficiently.

Having reviewed the request, the Court **ORDERS** the parties to meet and confer in person on September 2, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom B, 15th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California. The parties shall come prepared to meaningfully discuss and resolve their disputes. If unable to resolve the disputes, the parties shall draft a joint letter at the session in compliance with paragraph 2 of the Standing Order. Thus, the parties are **ORDERED** to bring any necessary equipment to draft the letter and present it to the Deputy Clerk for electronic filing.

If the parties meet and confer in person and resolve their disputes or file a joint letter prior to September 2, 2016, they shall jointly request that the Court vacate the meet and confer session.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 25, 2016



MARIA-ELENA JAMES
United States Magistrate Judge