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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
5 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
6 OAKLAND DIVISION

7 JESSE HELTON; ALISHA PICCIRILLO;  
8 CHAD LOWE; individually and on behalf of  
9 all others similarly situated,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 vs.

12 FACTOR 5, INC.; FACTOR 5, LLC;  
13 BLUHARVEST, LLC; WHITEHARVEST,  
14 LLC; JULIAN EGGBRECHT; HOLGER  
15 SCHMIDT; THOMAS ENGEL; and DOES  
1-100,

16 Defendants.

Case No: C 10-04927 SBA

**ORDER**

Docket 141, 143

17 On December 17, 2013, Defendants Julian Eggebrecht, Thomas Engel, and Holger  
18 Schmidt (collectively, “individual Defendants”) filed a renewed motion for partial  
19 summary judgment. Dkt. 141. The individual Defendants noticed the motion for hearing  
20 on January 21, 2014. Dkt. 142. On December 18, 2013, Plaintiffs Jesse Helton, Alisha  
21 Piccirillo, and Chad Lowe (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) filed an ex parte application to strike  
22 the individual Defendants’ motion. Dkt. 143. Having read and considered the papers filed  
23 in connection with this matter and being fully informed, the Court hereby GRANTS  
24 Plaintiffs’ ex parte application to strike, for the reasons stated below.

25 In direct violation of the Court’s Scheduling Order, the individual Defendants’ filed  
26 a renewed motion for partial summary judgment after the dispositive motion deadline.<sup>1</sup>  
27 Because the individual Defendants have not shown “good cause” for the untimely filing,

28 <sup>1</sup> The Scheduling Order states that “[a]ll motions including dispositive motions shall  
be *heard* on or before **12/17/13**, at 1:00 p.m.” Dkt. 110 (emphasis in original).

1 their motion may be stricken. See Ammons v. Bakewell, 481 Fed. Appx. 389 (9th Cir.  
2 2012) (“The district court did not abuse its discretion in striking [Plaintiff’s] motion for  
3 summary judgment that he filed after the scheduling order deadline because [Plaintiff]  
4 failed to show ‘good cause’ for the untimely filing.”) (citing Johnson v. Mammoth  
5 Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604, 607-609 (9th Cir. 1992) (stating standard)). In addition,  
6 the individual Defendants failed to comply with the Court’s meet and confer requirement  
7 prior to filing their motion in violation of the Court’s Scheduling Order and the Court’s  
8 Civil Standing Orders. See Dkt. 110; Civil Standing Orders at 1. Finally, the individual  
9 Defendants did not seek leave of Court before filing a second motion for summary  
10 judgment in violation of the Court’s Scheduling Order. See Dkt. 110. The law is clear that  
11 district courts have the inherent power to control their docket, and in the exercise of that  
12 power, they may properly strike improper documents. Ready Transp., Inc. v. AAR Mfg.,  
13 Inc., 627 F.3d 402, 404 (9th Cir. 2010); see also Centillum Comms., Inc. v. Atlantic Mut.  
14 Ins. Co., 2008 WL 728639, at \*6 (N.D. Cal. 2008) (striking motion where the movant failed  
15 to meet and confer prior to filing its motion). Accordingly,

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Plaintiffs’ ex parte application to strike is  
17 GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the individual Defendants’ renewed  
18 motion for partial summary judgment (Dkt. 141) shall be STRICKEN from the record. The  
19 parties are warned that the Court will strike any future documents filed with the Court that  
20 do not comply with the Court’s orders. The parties are also warned that any future  
21 transgressions of any applicable procedural rule and/or order may result in the imposition  
22 of sanctions. This Order terminates Docket 141 and Docket 143.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: 12/26/2013

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SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG  
26 United States District Judge  
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