

1 parties must “treat the informal negotiation process as a substitute for, and not simply a formal
2 prerequisite to, judicial review of discovery disputes.” *Id.* This is done when the parties “present to
3 each other the merits of their respective positions with the same candor, specificity, and support
4 during the informal negotiations as during the briefing of discovery motions.” *Id.* To ensure that
5 parties comply with these requirements, movants must file certifications that “accurately and
6 *specifically* convey to the court who, where, how, and when the respective parties attempted to
7 personally resolve the discovery dispute.” *ShuffleMaster*, 170 F.R.D. at 170 (emphasis added).

8 The Court was unable to locate any certification filed with the pending motion to compel.¹

9 Accordingly, the Motion to Compel is hereby **DENIED** without prejudice.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 DATED: February 27, 2013

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15 NANCY J. KOPPE
16 United States Magistrate Judge
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28 ¹ As explained in the order issued concurrently herewith, the motion for protective order to
which the motion to compel counters also fails to provide a sufficient meet and confer certification.