

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

J. BRETT TIBBITTS, et al.,)	3:16-CV-0296-MMD (VPC)
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Plaintiff,)	<u>MINUTES OF THE COURT</u>
)	
vs.)	
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DOUGLAS COUNTY,)	
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Defendant.)	
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PRESENT: THE HONORABLE VALERIE P. COOKE, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DEPUTY CLERK: LISA MANN REPORTER: NONE APPEARING

COUNSEL FOR PETITIONER(S): NONE APPEARING

COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT(S): NONE APPEARING

MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS:

The stipulation and order to stay discovery pending a ruling on defendants' motion to dismiss (ECF No. 19) is **DENIED without prejudice**. The court advised counsel at the case management conference that it is not amenable to granting a stay of discovery at this time; however, the court would consider a formal motion to stay discovery (ECF No. 16). While the court is pleased the parties agree, the stipulation provides no information warranting a complete stay of discovery in this case.

The explosion of Rule 12(b)(6) motions in the wake of *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 127 S.Ct. 1955, 167 L.Ed.2d 929 (2007), and *Ashcroft v. Iqbal* 556 U.S. 662, 129 S.Ct. 1937, 173 L.Ed.2d 868 (2009), has made speedy determinations of cases increasingly more difficult. Prohibiting or delaying all discovery will often cause unwarranted delay, especially if a pending dispositive motion challenges fewer than all of plaintiff's claims.

A stay of all discovery should only be ordered if the court is "convinced" that a plaintiff will be unable to state a claim for relief. However, as the court in *Mlejnecky v. Olympus Imaging America, Inc.*, 2011 WL 489743 at *6 (E.D.Cal. Feb. 7, 2011) recognized, taking a "preliminary peek" and evaluating a dispositive motion puts a magistrate judge in an awkward position.

Rather, this court's role is to evaluate the propriety of an order staying or limiting discovery with the goal of accomplishing the objectives of Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 1. With Rule 1 as its prime directive, this court must decide whether it is more just to speed the parties along in

