

**U.S. District Court  
California Northern District (San Francisco)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:16-cv-06312-VC**

Smith v. U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Assigned to: Judge Vince Chhabria  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/01/2016  
Date Terminated: 05/30/2017  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/01/2016	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT <i>For Declaratory And Injunctive Relief For Violation Of The Freedom of Informaiton Act</i> against U.S. Department of Agriculture ( Filing fee \$ 400, receipt number 0971-10897312.). Filed by Matt Smith. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Burke, Thomas) (Filed on 11/1/2016) (Entered: 11/01/2016)
11/01/2016	2	Case assigned to Hon. Vince Chhabria.  Counsel for plaintiff or the removing party is responsible for serving the Complaint or Notice of Removal, Summons and the assigned judge's standing orders and all other new case documents upon the opposing parties. For information, visit <i>E-Filing A New Civil Case</i> at <a href="http://cand.uscourts.gov/ecf/caseopening">http://cand.uscourts.gov/ecf/caseopening</a> .

		Standing orders can be downloaded from the court's web page at <a href="http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/judges">www.cand.uscourts.gov/judges</a> . Upon receipt, the summons will be issued and returned electronically. Counsel is required to send chambers a copy of the initiating documents pursuant to L.R. 5-1(e)(7). A scheduling order will be sent by Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) within two business days. (cjlS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 11/1/2016) (Entered: 11/01/2016)
11/02/2016	<u>3</u>	<b>Initial Case Management Scheduling Order with ADR Deadlines: This case is assigned to a judge who participates in the Cameras in the Courtroom Pilot Project. See General Order 65 and <a href="http://cand.uscourts.gov/cameras">http://cand.uscourts.gov/cameras</a> Case Management Statement due by 1/31/2017. Case Management Conference set for 2/7/2017 01:30 PM in Courtroom 4, 17th Floor, San Francisco. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Eligibility for Video Recording)(farS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 11/2/2016) (Entered: 11/02/2016)</b>
11/02/2016	<u>4</u>	Summons Issued as to U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (farS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 11/2/2016) (Entered: 11/02/2016)
11/15/2016	<u>5</u>	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by Matt Smith re <u>4</u> Summons Issued as to USA, <u>1</u> Complaint, <u>2</u> Case Assigned by Intake,,, <u>3</u> Initial Case Management Scheduling Order with ADR Deadlines, (Burke, Thomas) (Filed on 11/15/2016) (Entered: 11/15/2016)
11/28/2016	<u>6</u>	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by Matt Smith re <u>4</u> Summons Issued as to USA, <u>1</u> Complaint, <u>2</u> Case Assigned by Intake,,, <u>3</u> Initial Case Management Scheduling Order with ADR Deadlines, (Burke, Thomas) (Filed on 11/28/2016) (Entered: 11/28/2016)
12/16/2016	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. Department of Agriculture. (Pereda, David) (Filed on 12/16/2016) (Entered: 12/16/2016)
01/17/2017	<u>8</u>	STIPULATION WITH PROPOSED ORDER re <u>3</u> Initial Case Management Scheduling Order with ADR Deadlines, <i>Stipulation to Vacate Initial Case Management Conference and Exempt Case From Initial Disclosure Requirements of Rule 26(f)</i> filed by Matt Smith. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Thomas R. Burke in Support of Joint Stipulation to Vacate Initial Case Management Conference, # <u>2</u> Proposed Order)(Burke, Thomas) (Filed on 1/17/2017) (Entered: 01/17/2017)
01/18/2017	<u>9</u>	<b>Order as Modified by Hon. Vince Chhabria granting <u>8</u> Stipulation to Vacate Initial Case Management Conference and Exempt Case from Initial Disclosure Requirements of Rule 26(f). Case Management Statement due by 3/14/2017. Initial Case Management Conference set for 3/21/2017 01:30 PM in Courtroom 4, 17th Floor, San Francisco.(knm, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 1/18/2017) (Entered: 01/18/2017)</b>
03/06/2017	<u>10</u>	ADR Clerk's Notice re: Non-Compliance with Court Order (ewh, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 3/6/2017) (Entered: 03/06/2017)
03/07/2017	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of need for ADR Phone Conference (ADR L.R. 3-5 d) (Pereda, David) (Filed on 3/7/2017) (Entered: 03/07/2017)
03/07/2017	<u>12</u>	ADR Clerk's Notice Setting ADR Phone Conference on March 15, 2017 at 1:30 PM Pacific time. Please note that you must be logged into an ECF account of counsel of record in order to view this document. (cmf, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 3/7/2017) (Entered: 03/07/2017)
03/08/2017	<u>13</u>	ADR Certification (ADR L.R. 3-5 b) of discussion of ADR options (Burke, Thomas) (Filed on 3/8/2017) (Entered: 03/08/2017)
03/14/2017	<u>14</u>	CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT filed by U.S. Department of Agriculture. (Pereda, David) (Filed on 3/14/2017) (Entered: 03/14/2017)
03/15/2017	15	ADR Remark: ADR Phone Conference held on 3/15/2017 with Tamara Lange. A further ADR Phone Conference is scheduled for 4/18/2017 at 10:00 AM. The call-in information remains the same. (cmf, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 3/15/2017) ( <i>This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.</i> ) (Entered: 03/15/2017)
03/21/2017	16	<b>Minute Entry for proceedings held before Hon. Vince Chhabria: Initial Case Management Conference held on 3/21/2017. Parties agree to the Court issuing a</b>

		<b>conditional order of dismissal as the case is close to resolution.Total Time in Court 2 minutes. Hearing not reported or recorded. Plaintiff Attorney Thomas Burke. Defendant Attorney David Pereda. This is a text only Minute Entry (knmS, COURT STAFF) (Date Filed: 3/21/2017) (Entered: 03/21/2017)</b>
03/21/2017	<u>17</u>	<b>ORDER OF DISMISSAL. Signed by Judge Vince Chhabria on 3/21/2017. (knmS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 3/21/2017) (Entered: 03/21/2017)</b>
05/19/2017	<u>18</u>	REQUEST to Reinstate Case filed by Matt Smith. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order to Reinstate Case)(Burke, Thomas) (Filed on 5/19/2017) Modified on 5/19/2017 (farS, COURT STAFF). (Entered: 05/19/2017)
05/19/2017	<u>19</u>	<b>Order by Hon. Vince Chhabria granting <u>18</u> Motion to Reopen Case. Case Management Statement due by 5/23/2017. Case Management Conference set for 5/30/2017 01:30 PM in Courtroom 4, 17th Floor, San Francisco. (vclc2S, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 5/19/2017) (Entered: 05/19/2017)</b>
05/23/2017	<u>20</u>	JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT filed by U.S. Department of Agriculture. (Pereda, David) (Filed on 5/23/2017) (Entered: 05/23/2017)
05/30/2017	21	CLERK'S NOTICE RESCHEDULING THE TIME FOR THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AND CONVERTING THE HEARING TO A TELEPHONIC CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE: The matter is rescheduled to the following time due to the parties requesting the matter being continued and Judge Chhabria's denial of that request. Plaintiff shall provide the Court and all other parties a conference line and applicable access code to use during the hearing by no later than 11:30 a.m. on 5/30/2017, by way of email to the Court (vccrd@cand.uscourts.gov) with a cc to opposing counsel. Telephonic Further Case Management Conference set for 5/30/2017 02:30 PM in Courtroom 4, 17th Floor, San Francisco. <i>(This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.)</i> (knm, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 5/30/2017) (Entered: 05/30/2017)
05/30/2017	22	<b>Minute Entry for proceedings held before Hon. Vince Chhabria: Telephonic Further Case Management Conference held on 5/30/2017.The parties request the Court issue an order of conditional dismissal.Total Time in Court 3 minutes. Hearing not reported or recorded. Plaintiff Attorney: Brendan Charney. Defendant Attorney :David Pereda. This is a text-only Minute Entry (knm, COURT STAFF) (Date Filed: 5/30/2017) (Entered: 05/30/2017)</b>
05/30/2017	<u>23</u>	<b>ORDER OF DISMISSAL. Signed by Judge Vince Chhabria on 5/30/2017. (knm, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 5/30/2017) (Entered: 05/30/2017)</b>
07/28/2017	<u>24</u>	STIPULATION <i>Regarding Settlement and Dismissal with Prejudice</i> filed by Matt Smith. (Burke, Thomas) (Filed on 7/28/2017) (Entered: 07/28/2017)