USDA/Santa Cruz Biotechnology Hearing Delays

The chart below shows the numerous delays of the USDA hearings against Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc. (SCBT). Two of the four delays were described as attempts to reach settlement.

Document Filed	Explanation Provided	Supporting Document
Hearing cancellation and first mention of settlement attempt	"The Hearing, scheduled for July 14 - 18 (Mon-Fri) 2014 in Washington, D.C., is CANCELED, so that the parties will have ample time to meet to further their attempts to settle the case."	Document A
Hearing cancellation	"The Hearing is again re-scheduled. The setting for 3-13 February 2015, in Washington, D.C., is CANCELED. The Hearing will instead be held 18 August through 2 September 2015 (unless completed sooner)."	Document B
Description of SCBT's request to suspend hearing and attempt to settle	"[On] August 21, 2015, [SCBT] requested to rest its case and to establish a briefing schedule or, in the alternative, to suspend the hearing without date, in order to pursue settlement. The [USDA] did not object based on certain representations by [SCBT]."	Document C
Latest hearing cancellation (rescheduled for August 15, 2016), with judge agreeing that "hearing should not be postponed indefinitely"	"For good cause shown, Respondent's motion is GRANTED and Complainant's objection is overruled, except that I agreed that the hearing should not be postponed indefinitely The hearing now scheduled to commence [April 5, 2016] is hereby CANCELED. The parties have agreed that the hearing shall commence in the hearing room for the Office of Administrative Law Judges for the United States Department of Agriculture, on Tuesday, August 15, 2016, and continue through that week."	Document D

If you are interested in additional documentation regarding requests for delay, please contact Amey Owen at amey@awionline.org.