1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 RAUL FIGUEROA SILVA, NO. CV 14-6105-MWF(E) 11 12 Petitioner, REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF 13 v. 14 DAVE DAVEY, Warden, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 15 Respondent. 16 17 This Report and Recommendation is submitted to the Honorable 18 Michael W. Fitzgerald, United States District Judge, pursuant to 28 19 U.S.C. section 636 and General Order 05-07 of the United States 20 District Court for the Central District of California. 21 22 23 **PROCEEDINGS** 24 Petitioner filed a "First Amended Petition for Writ of Habeas 25 Corpus by a Person in State Custody" on September 8, 2014. Respondent 26 27 filed an Answer on January 7, 2015. Petitioner failed to file a Reply to the Answer within the allotted time. 28

On February 3, 2015, the Magistrate Judge ordered that Petitioner file a Reply to the Answer within twenty (20) days of February 3, 2015. The Magistrate Judge cautioned Petitioner that failure to do so "may result in the denial and dismissal of the Petition."

Nevertheless, Petitioner again failed to file a Reply to the Answer within the allotted time.

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DISCUSSION

The First Amended Petition should be denied and dismissed without prejudice. Petitioner has failed to file a timely Reply, despite a court order that he do so. The Court has inherent power to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases by dismissing actions for failure to prosecute. Link v. Wabash R.R., 370 U.S. 626, 629-30 (1962). The Court has considered the factors recited in Ferdik v. Bonzelet, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-62 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, 506 U.S. 915 (1992), and has concluded that dismissal without prejudice is appropriate. In particular, any less drastic alternative would not be effective under the circumstances of this case.

RECOMMENDATION

For all of the foregoing reasons, IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Court issue an Order: (1) accepting and adopting this Report and

Recommendation; and (2) directing that Judgment be entered denying and dismissing the First Amended Petition without prejudice. DATED: March 2, 2015. UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

NOTICE

Reports and Recommendations are not appealable to the Court of Appeals, but may be subject to the right of any party to file objections as provided in the Local Rules Governing the Duties of Magistrate Judges and review by the District Judge whose initials appear in the docket number. No notice of appeal pursuant to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure should be filed until entry of the judgment of the District Court.

If the District Judge enters judgment adverse to Petitioner, the District Judge will, at the same time, issue or deny a certificate of appealability. Within twenty (20) days of the filing of this Report and Recommendation, the parties may file written arguments regarding whether a certificate of appealability should issue.