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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

VALENTINE E. UNDERWOOD,

1:08-cv-00986-GSA-PC

Plaintiff,

**AMENDED SECOND INFORMATIONAL
ORDER - NOTICE AND WARNING OF
REQUIREMENTS FOR OPPOSING
DEFENDANTS' SUMMARY JUDGMENT
MOTION**

v.

M. KNOWLES, et al.,

Defendants.

(Doc. 122.)

Plaintiff is proceeding pro se in this civil action. Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment on February 17, 2012, and pursuant to Woods v. Carey, 684 F.3d 934, 940 (9th Cir. 2012), Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952 (9th Cir. 1998), and Klinge v. Eikenberry, 849 F.2d 409 (9th Cir. 1988), the Court hereby notifies Plaintiff of the following rights and requirements for opposing the motion:

1. Unless otherwise ordered, all motions for summary judgment are briefed pursuant to Local Rule 230(l).

2. Plaintiff is required to file an opposition or a statement of non-opposition to Defendants' motion for summary judgment. Local Rule 230(l). If Plaintiff fails to file an opposition or a statement of non-opposition to the motion, this action may be dismissed, with prejudice, for failure to prosecute. The opposition or statement of non-opposition must be filed not more than 21 days after the date of service of the motion. Id.

1 3. A motion for summary judgment is a request for judgment on some or all of Plaintiff's
2 claims in favor of Defendants without trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a). Defendants' motion sets forth the
3 facts which they contend are not reasonably subject to dispute and that entitle them to judgment as
4 a matter of law. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c). This is called the Statement of Undisputed Facts. Local Rule
5 260(a).

6 Plaintiff has the right to oppose a motion for summary judgment. To oppose the motion,
7 Plaintiff must show proof of his claims. Plaintiff may agree with the facts set forth in Defendants'
8 motion but argue that Defendants are not entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

9 In the alternative, if Plaintiff does not agree with the facts set forth in Defendants' motion,
10 he may show that Defendants' facts are disputed in one or more of the following ways: (1) Plaintiff
11 may rely upon statements made under the penalty of perjury in the complaint or the opposition if (a)
12 the complaint or opposition shows that Plaintiff has personal knowledge of the matters stated and
13 (b) Plaintiff calls to the Court's attention those parts of the complaint or opposition upon which
14 Plaintiff relies; (2) Plaintiff may serve and file declarations setting forth the facts which Plaintiff
15 believes prove his claims;¹ (3) Plaintiff may rely upon written records but Plaintiff must prove that
16 the records are what he claims they are;² or (4) Plaintiff may rely upon all or any part of the transcript
17 of one or more depositions, answers to interrogatories, or admissions obtained in this proceeding.
18 Should Plaintiff fail to contradict Defendants' motion with declarations or other evidence,
19 Defendants' evidence will be taken as truth, and final judgment may be entered without a full trial.
20 Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e).

21 In opposing Defendants' motion for summary judgment, Local Rule 260(b) requires Plaintiff
22 to reproduce Defendants' itemized facts in the Statement of Undisputed Facts and admit those facts
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24 ¹ A declaration is a written statement setting forth facts (1) which are admissible in evidence, (2) which are
25 based on the personal knowledge of the person giving the statement, and (3) to which the person giving the statement
26 is competent to testify. 28 U.S.C. § 1746; Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c)(4). A declaration must be dated and signed under
27 penalty of perjury as follows: "I declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true
28 and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)." 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

² Sworn or certified copies of all papers referred to in the declaration must be included and served on the
opposing party. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e).

1 which are undisputed and deny those which are disputed. If Plaintiff disputes (denies) a fact,
2 Plaintiff must cite to the evidence used to support that denial (e.g., pleading, declaration, deposition,
3 interrogatory answer, admission, or other document). Local Rule 260(b).

4 4. If discovery has not yet been opened or if discovery is still open and Plaintiff is not yet
5 able to present facts to justify the opposition to the motion, the Court will consider a request to
6 postpone consideration of Defendants' motion. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(d). Any request to postpone
7 consideration of Defendants' motion for summary judgment must include the following: (1) a
8 declaration setting forth the specific facts Plaintiff hopes to elicit from further discovery, (2) a
9 showing that the facts exist, and (3) a showing that the facts are essential to opposing the motion for
10 summary judgment. Blough v. Holland Realty, Inc., 574 F.3d 1084, 1091 n.5 (9th Cir. 2009); Tatum
11 v. City and County of San Francisco, 441 F.3d 1090, 1100-01 (9th Cir. 2006); State of California
12 v. Campbell, 138 F.3d 772, 779 (9th Cir. 1998). The request to postpone the motion for summary
13 judgment must identify what information is sought and how it would preclude summary judgment.
14 Blough, 574 F.3d at 1091 n.5; Tatum, 441 F.3d at 1100-01; Margolis v. Ryan, 140 F.3d 850, 853
15 (9th Cir. 1998); Local Rule 260(b).

16 5. Unsigned declarations will be stricken, and declarations not signed under penalty of
17 perjury have no evidentiary value.

18 6. The failure of any party to comply with this order, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,
19 or the Local Rules of the Eastern District of California may result in the imposition of sanctions
20 including but not limited to dismissal of the action or entry of default.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 **Dated: August 24, 2012**

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE