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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FRANK C. GENTSCH,)	1:09-649 LJO-GSA
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Plaintiff,)	<u>SECOND INFORMATIONAL ORDER</u>
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v.)	
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LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP, et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	

Parties to this litigation shall take note of the following requirements:

1. Defendants must reply to the complaint within the time provided by the applicable provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a).
2. Unless otherwise ordered, all motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, motions concerning discovery, motions pursuant to Rules 7, 11, 12, 15, 41, 55, 56, 59 and 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and motions pursuant to Local Rule 11-110 shall be briefed pursuant to Local Rule 78-230(m).
3. At some point in the litigation, defendants may file a motion to dismiss this action on any number of grounds. Plaintiff is advised that he has the right to oppose the motion in writing. Written oppositions must be filed not more than 18 days, plus 3 days for mailing, after the date of service of the motion to dismiss. Local Rule 78-230(m) provides that the failure to oppose a motion “may be deemed a waiver of any opposition to the granting of the

1 motion” This means that the court may deem plaintiff’s failure to oppose defendant’s
2 motion to dismiss as a waiver, and may recommend that the motion be granted on that basis.

3 4. At some point in the litigation, one or more defendants may move for summary
4 judgment as to some or all of plaintiff’s claims. Pursuant to Klinge v. Eikenberry, 849 F.2d
5 409 (9th Cir. 1988) and Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952 (9th Cir. 1998), plaintiff is advised of
6 the following requirements for opposing a motion for summary judgment made by defendants
7 pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Such a motion is a request for an
8 order for judgment on some or all of plaintiff’s claims in favor of defendants without trial. See
9 Rule 56(b). Defendant(s)’ motion will set forth the facts which defendants contend are not
10 reasonably subject to dispute and that entitle defendant to judgment as a matter of law. See Rule
11 56(c).

12 Plaintiff has the right to oppose a motion for summary judgment. To oppose the
13 motion, plaintiff must show proof of his or her claims. Plaintiff may agree with the facts set
14 forth in defendant(s)’ motion but argue that defendant(s) are not entitled to judgment as a matter
15 of law. Plaintiff may show defendant(s)’ facts are disputed in one or more of the following ways:
16 (1) Plaintiff may rely upon statements made under the penalty of perjury in the complaint if the
17 complaint shows that plaintiff has personal knowledge of the matters stated and if plaintiff calls
18 to the court's attention those parts of the complaint upon which plaintiff relies; (2) Plaintiff may
19 also serve and file affidavits or declarations¹ setting forth the facts which plaintiff believes prove
20 plaintiff's claims (the persons who sign the affidavit or declaration must have personal
21 knowledge of the facts stated); (3) Plaintiff may also rely upon written records but plaintiff must
22 prove that the records are what plaintiff claims they are²; (4) Plaintiff may also rely upon all or
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24 ¹An affidavit is a written declaration or statement of facts, made voluntarily, and confirmed by the oath or
25 affirmation of the party making it, taken before an officer having authority to administer such oath. An unsworn
26 declaration has the same effect as an affidavit, provided that it is dated and signed under penalty of perjury, as
27 follows: “I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.” 28 U.S.C. § 1746. Affidavits and
28 declarations must be made on personal knowledge and must set forth facts as would be admissible in evidence. See
Rule 56(e).

² Sworn or certified copies of all papers referred to in an affidavit must be attached to the affidavit and
served on the opposing party. Rule 56(e).

1 any part of the transcript of one or more depositions, answers to interrogatories, or admissions
2 obtained in this proceeding. Should plaintiff fail to contradict defendants' motion with
3 affidavits, declarations, or other evidence, defendants' evidence will be taken as truth, and final
4 judgment may be entered without a full trial. See Rule 56(e).

5 If there is some good reason why such facts are not available to plaintiff when
6 required to oppose such a motion, the court will consider a request to postpone considering
7 defendant(s)' motion. See Rule 56(f). If plaintiff does not serve and file a request to postpone
8 consideration of defendant(s)' motion or written opposition to the motion, the court may consider
9 plaintiff's failure to act as a waiver of opposition to defendant(s)' motion. Plaintiff's waiver of
10 opposition to defendant(s)' motion may result in the entry of summary judgment against plaintiff.

11 5. A motion supported by affidavits or declarations that are unsigned will be
12 stricken.

13 6. The failure of any party to comply with this order, the Federal Rules of Civil
14 Procedure, or the Local Rules of Court, may result in the imposition of sanctions including, but
15 not limited to, dismissal of the action or entry of default.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 **Dated: April 14, 2009**

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE