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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM H. THOMAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

MAGEUA, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 1:10-CV-01154-DLB PC

ORDER DISMISSING ACTION FOR  
FAILURE TO OBEY COURT ORDER AND  
FAILURE TO STATE CLAIM

(DOC. 8)

On May 27, 2011, the Court issued an order for Plaintiff to show cause why this action should not be dismissed for failure to obey a court order and failure to state a claim, within eighteen (18) days. The eighteen (18)-day period has now expired, and Plaintiff has not shown cause or otherwise responded to the Court's order.

Local Rule 110 provides that “failure of counsel or of a party to comply with these Local Rules or with any order of the Court may be grounds for the imposition by the Court of any and all sanctions . . . within the inherent power of the Court.” District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and “in the exercise of that power, they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . . dismissal of a case.” *Thompson v. Housing Auth.*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986). A court may dismiss an action, with prejudice, based on a party’s failure to prosecute an action, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. *See, e.g., Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54 (9th Cir. 1995)(dismissal for noncompliance with local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to comply with an order requiring amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988)(dismissal for failure to comply with local rule requiring pro se plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address); *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987)(dismissal for failure to comply with court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir.

1 1986)(dismissal for failure to lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

2 In determining whether to dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey a  
3 court order, or failure to comply with local rules, the court must consider several factors: (1) the  
4 public's interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to manage its docket;  
5 (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of cases on  
6 their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives. *Thompson*, 782 F.2d at 831;  
7 *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423-24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 130; *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260-61;  
8 *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

9 In the instant case, the Court finds that the public's interest in expeditiously resolving this  
10 litigation and the court's interest in managing the docket weigh in favor of dismissal. The third  
11 factor, risk of prejudice to defendants, also weighs in favor of dismissal, since a presumption of  
12 injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in prosecuting an action. *Anderson v. Air*  
13 *West*, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor -- public policy favoring disposition  
14 of cases on their merits -- is greatly outweighed by the factors in favor of dismissal discussed  
15 herein. Finally, a court's warning to a party that his failure to obey the court's order will result in  
16 dismissal satisfies the "consideration of alternatives" requirement. *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262;  
17 *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132-33; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1424. The Court's order expressly stated,  
18 "Failure to show cause or otherwise respond will result in dismissal of this action for failure to  
19 obey a court order and failure to state a claim." Thus, plaintiff had adequate warning that  
20 dismissal would result from his noncompliance with the court's order.

21 On July 6, 2010, Plaintiff filed a written consent to jurisdiction of the U.S. Magistrate  
22 Judge.

23 Accordingly, the court HEREBY ORDERS that this action be dismissed based on  
24 plaintiff's failure to obey the court's order of May 27, 2011, and for failure to state a claim.

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 Dated: July 8, 2011

26 /s/ Dennis L. Beck  
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE