1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 MARIA AYDA CORDOBA, 1:11cv0371 AWI DLB 9 10 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS Plaintiff, REGARDING DISMISSAL OF ACTION 11 v. 12 BANK OF AMERICA, et al., 13 14 Defendants. 15 16 17 Plaintiff Maria Ayda Cordoba ("Plaintiff"), appearing pro se and proceeding in forma 18 pauperis, filed the instant action on March 3, 2011. Plaintiff challenges a pending foreclosure 19 and names Bank of America and Recontrust Company as Defendants. 20 On March 16, 2011, the Court dismissed the complaint, but granted Plaintiff leave to file an amended complaint. The Court provided Plaintiff with the relevant legal standards and 21 22 directed her to file an amended complaint within thirty (30) days. More than thirty (30) days 23 have passed and Plaintiff has failed to file an amended complaint. 24 For the reasons discussed below, the Court recommends that this action be dismissed for 25 failure to follow a Court order and failure to state a claim. 26 27 28

DISCUSSION

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 "[i]n the exercise of that power they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate, . . . dismissal." 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. United States Postal Serv., 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. 1986) (dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

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

In the instant case, the Court finds that the public's interest in expeditiously resolving this litigation and the Court's interest in managing the docket weigh in favor of dismissal. This case has been pending since early March 2011, and Plaintiff has been given opportunity to correct the deficiencies in her complaint. The third factor, risk of prejudice to defendants, also weighs in favor of dismissal, since a presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in prosecuting an action. Anderson v. Air West, Inc., 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976).

The fourth factor -- public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits -- is greatly 1 2 outweighed by the factors in favor of dismissal discussed herein. Finally, a court's warning to a 3 party that her failure to obey the court's order will result in dismissal satisfies the "consideration of alternatives" requirement. Ferdik, 963 F.2d at 1262; Malone, 833 at 132-33; Henderson, 779 4 5 F.2d at 1424. The Court's March 16, 2010, order requiring Plaintiff to file an amended complaint expressly stated: "If Plaintiff does not file an amended complaint within this time 6 7 frame and in accordance with this order, the Court will recommend that this action be dismissed." Thus, Plaintiff had adequate warning that dismissal would result from her 8 9 noncompliance with the Court's order and his failure to state a claim. 10 RECOMMENDATION 11 Accordingly, the Court HEREBY RECOMMENDS that this action be DISMISSED for failure to follow a court order and for failure to state a claim. 12 13 These Findings and Recommendations will be submitted to the Honorable Anthony W. Ishii, pursuant to the provisions of Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within thirty (30) days after 14 being served with these Findings and Recommendations, Plaintiff may file written objections 15 with the Court. The document should be captioned "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings 16 17 and Recommendations." Plaintiff is advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the District Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 18 19 (9th Cir. 1991). 20 IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: May 2, 2011 /s/ Dennis L. Beck 21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 22 23 24 25 26

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