## 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 MARCUS R. WILLIAMS, Case No. 1:12-cv-00226 LJO DLB PC 12 Plaintiff. ORDER DISCHARGING ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE: SANCTIONS 13 v. [ECF No. 67] 14 15 KELLY HARRINGTON, et al., 16 Defendants. 17 Plaintiff Marcus R. Williams is a prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this 18 civil rights action. 19 20 On January 20, 2015, the Court issued an order granting Plaintiff's motions to compel 21 22 23

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and ordering Defendants to respond within thirty days to Plaintiff's first set of discovery requests which were served on March 19, 2014. On March 6, 2015, Plaintiff filed a motion to compel. Defendants did not file an opposition. Plaintiff stated that Defendants failed to respond to his first set of discovery requests as ordered by the Court. On April 22, 2015, the Court issued an order directing Defendants to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed for failure to comply with a court order.

On July 10, 2015, Defendants filed a response to the order to show cause. Monica N. Anderson, as Counsel for Defendants, filed a declaration stating former Counsel Kelli M.

Hammond has been out on extended medical leave. Ms. Anderson states she is Ms. Hammond's supervisor, and she recently became aware of outstanding discovery issues when reviewing the status of Ms. Hammond's cases. Ms. Anderson states she does not know why a response was not made with respect to the Court's order to show cause; however, she states Ms. Hammond served responses to all of Plaintiff's outstanding discovery requests on April 24, 2015. Ms. Anderson requests that the Court not sanction Counsel, the Office of the Attorney General, or Defendants. 

In light of Ms. Hammond's extended medical leave and the fact that all of Plaintiff's discovery requests have been responded to, the Court hereby DISCHARGES the order to show cause.

Nevertheless, the Court notes that it has already found it necessary in this case to issue two orders to show cause as a result of Defendants' failures to comply with Court deadlines. The Court cautions Counsel for Defendants that any failure to comply with deadlines in the future will not be tolerated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

1s/ Dennis L. Beck Dated: **July 17, 2015** UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE