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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HORACE MANN WILLIAMS,

 Plaintiff,

 v.

CATE, et al.,

 Defendants.

Case No. 1:12-cv-00730-LJO-SKO (PC)

**ORDER DISMISSING ACTION WITH
PREJUDICE ON STIPULATION FOR
VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL WITH
PREJUDICE, FED. R. CIV. P. 41**

(Doc. 118)

Plaintiff, Horace Mann Williams, is a former state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On July 19, 2018, the parties filed a stipulation of voluntary dismissal with prejudice of this matter pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A). Rule 41(a)(1)(A), in relevant part, reads:

the plaintiff may dismiss an action without a court order by filing: (i) a notice of dismissal before the opposing party serves either an answer or a motion for summary judgment; (ii) a stipulated dismissal signed by all parties who have appeared.

Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) thus allows the parties to dismiss an action voluntarily, after service of an answer, by filing a written stipulation to dismiss signed by all of the parties who have appeared, although an oral stipulation in open court will also suffice. *Carter v. Beverly Hills Sav. & Loan Assn.*, 884 F.2d 1186, 1191 (9th Cir. 1989); *Eitel v. McCool*, 782 F.2d 1470, 1472-73 (9th Cir. 1986).

Once the stipulation between the parties who have appeared is properly filed or made in open court, no order of the court is necessary to effectuate dismissal. Fed. R. Civ. Pro.

1 41(a)(1)(ii); *Eitel*, 782 F.2d at 1473 n.4. “Caselaw concerning stipulated dismissals under Rule
2 41(a)(1)(ii) is clear that the entry of such a stipulation of dismissal is effective automatically and
3 does not require judicial approval.” *In re Wolf*, 842 F.2d 464, 466 (D.C. Cir. 1989); *Gardiner v.*
4 *A.H. Robins Co.*, 747 F.2d 1180, 1189 (8th Cir. 1984); *see also Gambale v. Deutsche Bank AG*,
5 377 F.3d 133, 139 (2d Cir. 2004); *Commercial Space Mgmt. Co. v. Boeing Co.*, 193 F.3d 1074,
6 1077 (9th Cir. 1999) *cf. Wilson v. City of San Jose*, 111 F.3d 688, 692 (9th Cir. 1997) (addressing
7 Rule 41(a)(1) dismissals). “The plaintiff may dismiss some or all of the defendants, or some or
8 all of his claims, through a Rule 41(a)(1) notice,” and the dismissal “automatically terminates the
9 action as to the defendants who are the subjects of the notice.” *Wilson*, 111 F.3d at 692; *Concha*
10 *v. London*, 62 F.3d 1493, 1506 (9th Cir. 1995).

11 Because the parties have filed a stipulation for dismissal of this case with [without]
12 prejudice under Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) that is signed by all parties who have made an appearance,
13 this case has terminated. *See Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii); In re Wolf*, 842 F.2d at 466;
14 *Gardiner*, 747 F.2d at 1189; *see also Gambale*, 377 F.3d at 139; *Commercial Space Mgmt*, 193
15 F.3d at 1077; *cf. Wilson*, 111 F.3d at 692.

16 Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk is ordered to close this case in light
17 of the filed and properly signed Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) Stipulation For Voluntary Dismissal With
18 Prejudice (Doc. 118).

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: July 20, 2018

21 /s/ Sheila K. Oberto
22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE