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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL D. HARRISON,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
R. DIAZ, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 1:13-cv-01335-LJO-SAB-PC  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THIS  
ACTION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED  
FOR FAILURE TO PROSECUTE AND TO  
OBEY A COURT ORDER  
RESPONSE DUE IN THIRTY DAYS

Plaintiff is a Fresno County Jail inmate proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(1)(B) and Local Rule 302.

On August 17, 2015, an order was entered, reassigning this action to the undersigned. On September 23, 2015, the order was returned by the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable. A failure to keep the court informed of Plaintiff's address of record is an independent ground for dismissal. Local Rule 183(b) requires a pro se Plaintiff to keep the court advised of his or her address of record. A failure to follow the Local Rules is a ground for dismissal.

Local Rule 183(b) provides that "a party appearing in propria persona shall keep the

1 Court and opposing parties advised as to his or her current address. If mail directed to a plaintiff  
2 in propria persona by the Clerk is returned by the U.S. Postal Service, and if such plaintiff fails  
3 to notify the Court and opposing parties within sixty-three (63) days thereafter of a current  
4 address, the Court may dismiss the action without prejudice for failure to prosecute.” A court  
5 may dismiss an action, with prejudice, based on a party’s failure to prosecute an action, failure to  
6 obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. See, e.g., Ghazali v. Moran, 46 F.3d 52,  
7 53-54 (9th Cir. 1995)(dismissal for noncompliance with local rule); Ferdik v. Bonzelet, 963 F.2d  
8 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992)(dismissal for failure to comply with an order requiring  
9 amendment of complaint); Carey v. King, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1998)(dismissal for  
10 failure to comply with local rule requiring pro se plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address);  
11 Malone v. U.S. Postal Service, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987)(dismissal for failure to comply  
12 with court order); Henderson v. Duncan, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986)(dismissal for lack  
13 of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

14 In determining whether to dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey a  
15 court order, or failure to comply with local rules, the Court must consider several factors: (1) the  
16 public’s interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the Court’s need to manage its docket;  
17 (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of cases on  
18 their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives. Thompson, 782 F.2d at 831;  
19 Henderson, 779 F.2d at 1423-24; Malone, 833 F.2d at 130; Ferdik, 963 F.2d at 1260-61; Ghazali,  
20 46 F.3d at 53.

21 Here, the Court finds that the public’s interest in expeditiously resolving this litigation  
22 and the Court’s interest in managing the docket weigh in favor of dismissal. The third factor,  
23 risk of prejudice to Defendants, also weighs in favor of dismissal, since a presumption of injury  
24 arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in prosecuting an action. Anderson v. Air  
25 West, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor – public policy favoring disposition  
26 of cases on the merits – is greatly outweighed by the factors in favor of dismissal discussed  
27 herein. Finally, a court’s warning to a party that a failure to obey a court order will result in  
28 dismissal satisfies the “consideration of alternatives” requirement. Ferdik, 963 F.2d at 1262;

1 Malone, 833 F.2d at 132-33; Henderson, 779 F.2d at 1424.

2           Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff shall, within thirty days of the  
3 date of service, show cause why action should not be dismissed for Plaintiff's failure to comply  
4 with the Local Rules. Failure to file a response will result in dismissal of this action pursuant to  
5 Local Rule 110.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: November 30, 2015

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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