

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

APRIL TAYLOR,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
CAROLYN COLVIN,  
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,  
Defendant. ) Case No.: 1:14-cv-01033 - JLT  
 ) ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SANCTIONS  
 ) SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR PLAINTIFF'S  
 ) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE COURT'S  
 ) ORDER  
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On March 18, 2018, Plaintiff filed a request for an extension of time to file an opening brief. (Doc. 14.) The Court granted the request, and ordered Plaintiff to file an opening brief no later than May 6, 2015.<sup>1</sup> (Doc. 15.) However, Plaintiff failed to file her opening and did not seek a further extension of time.

The Local Rules, corresponding with Fed. R. Civ. P. 11, provide: “Failure of counsel or of a party to comply 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.” Local Rule 110. “District courts have inherent power to control their dockets,” and in exercising that power, a court may impose sanctions including dismissal of an action. *Thompson v. Housing Authority of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986). A court may impose sanctions based on a party’s failure to prosecute an action or

<sup>1</sup> Notably, the Court granted an extension of 50 days based upon the stipulation of the parties, extending the filing deadline from March 18, 2015 to May 6, 2015.

1 failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. *See, e.g., Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963  
2 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (imposing sanctions for failure to comply with an order); *Malone*  
3 v. U.S. Postal Service, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987) (imposing sanctions for failure to comply  
4 with a court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (imposing sanctions  
5 for failure to prosecute and to comply with local rules).

6 Accordingly, Plaintiff is **ORDERED** to show cause within seven days of the date of service of  
7 this Order why sanctions should not be imposed for failure to comply with the Court's Order or, in the  
8 alternative, to file her opening brief.

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10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 Dated: May 7, 2015

12 /s/ Jennifer L. Thurston  
13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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