

1 inherent power to control their dockets and “in the exercise of that power, they may
2 impose sanctions including, where appropriate, default or dismissal.” Thompson v.
3 Housing Auth., 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986). A court may dismiss an action based
4 on a party’s failure to prosecute, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with
5 local rules. See, e.g., Ghazali v. Moran, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for
6 noncompliance with local rule); Ferdik v. Bonzelet, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir.
7 1992) (dismissal for failure to comply with an order requiring amendment of a complaint);
8 Carey v. King, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal for failure to comply
9 with local rule requiring pro se plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address); Malone v.
10 U.S. Postal Service, 833 F.2d 128, 130-31 (9th Cir. 1987) (dismissal for failure to comply
11 with a court order); Henderson v. Duncan, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424-25 (9th Cir. 1986)
12 (dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

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

19 In the instant case, the public’s interest in expeditiously resolving this litigation
20 and the Court’s interest in managing its docket weigh in favor of dismissal. The third
21 factor, risk of prejudice to Defendants, also weighs in favor of dismissal, since a
22 presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in prosecuting
23 this action. Anderson v. Air West, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor –
24 public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits – is greatly outweighed by the
25 factors in favor of dismissal discussed herein. Finally, as for the availability of lesser
26 sanctions, at this stage in the proceedings there is little available which would constitute
27 a satisfactory lesser sanction while preserving scarce Court resources. Plaintiff has not
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1 paid the filing fees in this action and likely is unable to pay, making monetary sanctions
2 of little use.

3 Based on the foregoing, it is HERE ORDERED that the Clerk of Court assign a
4 district judge to this case; and

5 It is HEREBY RECOMMENDED that the action be dismissed, without prejudice,
6 for failure to obey a court order and failure to prosecute.

7 These Findings and Recommendations are submitted to the United States District
8 Judge assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within
9 fourteen (14) days after being served with these Findings and Recommendations, any
10 party may file written objections with the Court and serve a copy on all parties. Such a
11 document should be captioned "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and
12 Recommendations." Any reply to the objections shall be served and filed within fourteen
13 (14) days after service of the objections. The parties are advised that failure to file
14 objections within the specified time may result in the waiver of rights on appeal.
15 Wilkerson v. Wheeler, 772 F.3d 834, 839 (9th Cir. 2014) (citing Baxter v. Sullivan, 923
16 F.2d 1391, 1394 (9th Cir. 1991)).

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 Dated: April 13, 2016

/s/ Michael J. Seng
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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