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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARTIN V. ONTIVEORS,
Plaintiff,
v.
ST. CLAIR, et al.,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 1:15-cv-01565-MJS (PC)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ACTION
SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED WITH
PREJUDICE FOR FAILURE TO OBEY A
COURT ORDER AND FAILURE TO
PROSECUTE**

(ECF No. 33)

FOURTEEN (14) DAY DEADLINE

Plaintiff is a prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. He has consented to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction. (ECF No. 8.) No other parties have appeared.

On December 27, 2016, the Court screened Plaintiff's second amended complaint and found it stated no cognizable claims. (ECF No. 33.) The Court dismissed the complaint and granted Plaintiff thirty days to file a third amended complaint or a notice of voluntary dismissal. Id. The thirty day deadline has passed and Plaintiff has filed neither a second amended complaint nor a notice of voluntary dismissal.

Local Rule 110 provides that "failure of counsel or of a party to comply with these Rules or with any order of the Court may be grounds for imposition by the Court of any

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

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

21 In the instant case, the public’s interest in expeditiously resolving this litigation
22 and the Court’s interest in managing its docket weigh in favor of dismissal. The third
23 factor, risk of prejudice to Defendants, also weighs in favor of dismissal, since a
24 presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in prosecuting
25 this action. Anderson v. Air West, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor --
26 public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits -- is greatly outweighed by the
27 factors in favor of dismissal discussed herein. Finally, as for the availability of lesser
28 sanctions, at this stage in the proceedings there is little available which would constitute

1 a satisfactory lesser sanction while preserving scarce Court resources. Plaintiff has not
2 paid the filing fee for this action and is likely unable to pay, making monetary sanctions
3 of little use.

4 Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 5 1. Within fourteen (14) days of service of this Order, Plaintiff shall file either a
6 third amended complaint or a notice of voluntary dismissal, or shall show
7 cause as to why this action should not be dismissed with prejudice for
8 failure to prosecute, failure to comply with a Court order, and failure to
9 state a claim; and
- 10 2. If Plaintiff fails to show cause or file a third amended complaint or notice of
11 voluntary dismissal, this action will be dismissed, with prejudice, subject to
12 the "three strikes" provision set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

14 Dated: February 3, 2017

15 *1st Michael J. Seng*
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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