## 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 RIVERWOOD ENERGY, LLC, 11 Case No.: 1:15-cv-01736 DAD JLT Plaintiff, 12 ORDER TO PLAINTIFF RIVERWOOD ENERGY, LLC TO APPEAR THROUGH COUNSEL WITHIN v. 13 21 DAYS WESTERN STATES INTERNATIONAL, 14 INC., et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 AND RELATED COUNTER-CLAIMS 18 On November 17, 2015, this matter was removed to this court. (Doc. 1) However, Plaintiff— 19 a corporation—has failed to appear through counsel. Indeed, it appears that Riverwood has not had 20 21 counsel for quite some time. (Doc. 15) "It is a longstanding rule that [c]orporations and other unincorporated associations must appear 22 in court through an attorney." D Beam Ltd. P'ship v. Roller Derby Skates, Inc., 366 F.3d 972, 973 74 23 24 (9th Cir. 2004) (citation and quotation marks omitted, second modification in original); LR 183(a).

Further, a court may sanction corporate defendants by dismissing the action or striking its answer and

entering default. See Galtieri Carlson v. Victoria M. Morton Enters., Inc., 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS

95335, at \*3 (E.D. Cal. Aug. 26, 2010) (sanctioning corporate defendants by striking their answer

when they failed to retain alternate counsel after the withdrawal of their original counsel); Rojas v.

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1	Hawgs Seafood Bar, Inc., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 41435 at *2 (N.D. Cal. May 5, 2009) ("When a
2	corporation fails to retain counsel to represent it in an action, its answer may be stricken and a default
3	judgment entered against it").
4	Therefore, the Court <b>ORDERS</b> :
5	1. <u>Within 21 days</u> , counsel for the corporation, Riverwood Energy, LLC, <b>SHALL</b> enter
6	an appearance in this matter.
7	Plaintiff is advised that the failure to comply with this order or the failure of the corporation to
8	appear through counsel will result in the action being dismissed without further notice.
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10	IT IS SO ORDERED.
11	Dated: December 23, 2015 /s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
12	UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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