1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 Case No.: 1:17-cv-01673-AWI-JLT (PC) JOSE LORENZO MORALES, 11 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY Plaintiff. 12 SANCTIONS SHOULD BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO PROSECUTE v. 13 R. TORRES, et al., 14 7-DAY DEADLINE Defendants. 15 16 17 On May 17, 2019, the Court granted Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel, 18 appointing Attorney Justin Palmer to represent Plaintiff in his civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. 19 20 § 1983. (Doc. 53.) The Court requests voluntary assistance of Counsel in section 1983 cases only in exceptional circumstances. Rand v. Rowland, 113 F.3d 1520, 1525 (9th Cir. 1997). On July 3, 21 2019, Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment. (Doc. 54.) To date, Plaintiff's counsel 22 has not filed an opposition to Defendants' motion on behalf of Plaintiff, nor has he requested an 23 extension of time. 24 "District courts have inherent power to control their dockets" and, in exercising that 25 power, may impose sanctions. Thompson v. Housing Auth., City of Los Angeles, 782 F.2d 829, 26 831 (9th Cir. 1986); see also Roadway Exp., Inc. v. Piper, 447 U.S. 752, 766-67 (1980) (holding 27

that monetary sanctions against counsel are within the inherent powers of courts). Accordingly,

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1	Plaintiff is ORDERED to show cause within 7 days of the date of service of this order why
2	sanctions should not be imposed on Plaintiff's counsel for failure to prosecute this action.
3	Alternatively, within that same time, Plaintiff may file an opposition to Defendants' motion for
4	summary judgment, or a motion or stipulation requesting an extension of time to file an
5	opposition.
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7	IT IS SO ORDERED.
8	Dated: October 26, 2019 /s/ Jennifer L. Thurston UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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