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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSE B. ORTIZ,

Plaintiff,

No. 2:10-cv-1380 MCE EFB P

vs.

J. REYNOLDS, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

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Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding without counsel in an action brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Currently pending before the court is defendant’s March 23, 2012 motion for summary judgment, which the parties have fully briefed and is now submitted for decision. However, in light of recent Ninth Circuit case authority and to ensure that plaintiff has “fair, timely and adequate notice” of what is required of him to oppose defendant’s motion, the court must deny the motion without prejudice to its re-filing, and to concurrently serving plaintiff with notice of the requirements for opposing a motion for summary judgment. *See Woods v. Carey*, ___ F.3d ___, Nos. 09-15548, 09-16113, 2012 U.S. App. LEXIS 13779 (9th Cir. July 6, 2012) (“The *only* satisfactory practice to ensure that prisoners receive adequate notice pursuant to *Rand* . . . is to provide such notice *at the time that the relevant motions are filed.*” (emphasis added)); *Rand v. Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952, 960 (1998) (en banc) (requiring that the notice state that the

1 court has required that it be given and that it be set forth in a separate document that is served
2 with the moving papers).

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

4 1. Defendant's motion for summary judgment (Dckt. No. 39) is denied without
5 prejudice.

6 2. Within thirty days of the date of this order, defendant may re-file and re-serve the
7 March 23, 2012 motion for summary judgment. Defendant must contemporaneously serve with
8 the motion, but in a separate document, a copy of the attached "*Rand* Notice," which provides
9 plaintiff with notice of the requirements for opposing a motion for summary judgment. **Failure**
10 **to do so may constitute grounds for denial of the motion.**

11 3. If defendant re-serves the motion, plaintiff may thereafter file and serve an amended
12 opposition within thirty days. If plaintiff fails to file an amended opposition, the court will
13 consider his existing opposition in resolving defendant's motion. *See* Pl.'s May 31, 2012 Opp'n
14 to Defs.' Mot. for Summ. J., Dckt. No. 43.

15 4. If plaintiff files an amended opposition, defendant may thereafter file an amended
16 reply within fourteen days.

17 DATED: July 24, 2012.

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19 EDMUND F. BRENNAN
20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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RAND NOTICE*

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10 The court requires that you be provided with this notice regarding the requirements for opposing a motion for summary judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

11 When a defendant moves for summary judgment, the defendant is requesting that the
12 court grant judgment in defendant's favor without a trial. If there is no real dispute about any
13 fact that would affect the result of your case, the defendant who asked for summary judgment is
14 entitled to judgment as a matter of law, which will end your case against that defendant. A
15 motion for summary judgment will set forth the facts that the defendant asserts are not
16 reasonably subject to dispute and that entitle the defendant to judgment.

17 To oppose a motion for summary judgment, you must show proof of your claims. To do
18 this, you may refer to specific statements made in your complaint if you signed your complaint
19 under penalty of perjury and if your complaint shows that you have personal knowledge of the
20 matters stated. You may also submit declarations setting forth the facts that you believe prove
21 your claims, as long as the person who signs the declaration has personal knowledge of the facts
22 stated. You may also submit all or part of deposition transcripts, answers to interrogatories,
23 admissions, and other authenticated documents. For each of the facts listed in the defendant's
24 Statement of Undisputed Facts, you must admit the facts that are undisputed, and deny the facts
25 that are disputed. If you deny a fact, you must cite to the proof that you rely on to support your
26 denial. *See* L.R. 260(b). If you fail to contradict the defendant's evidence with your own
evidence, the court may accept the defendant's evidence as the truth and grant the motion. The
court will consider a request to postpone consideration of the defendant's motion if you submit a
declaration showing that for a specific reason you cannot present such facts in your opposition.
If you do not respond to the motion, the court may consider your failure to act as a waiver of
your opposition. *See* L.R. 230(1).

If the court grants the defendant's motion, whether opposed or unopposed, judgment will
be entered for that defendant without a trial and the case will be closed as to that defendant.

* This notice is provided to ensure that you, a pro se prisoner plaintiff, "have fair, timely
and adequate notice of what is required" to oppose a motion for summary judgment. *See Woods*
v. Carey, ___ F.3d ___, Nos. 09-15548, 09-16113, 2012 U.S. App. LEXIS 13779, at *1 (9th Cir.
July 6, 2012); *Rand v. Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952, 957 (9th Cir. 1998).