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

MARK FRANCIS KOCH,

No. 2:16-cv-1162-MCE-CMK-P

Plaintiff,

vs.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

BAHADUER, et al.

Defendants.

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Plaintiff, a former prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On May 15, 2017, the court directed plaintiff to file an amended complaint within 30 days. Plaintiff was warned that failure to file an amended complaint may result in dismissal of this action for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with court rules and orders. See Local Rule 110. To date, plaintiff has not complied.¹

The court must weigh five factors before imposing the harsh sanction of dismissal. See Bautista v. Los Angeles County, 216 F.3d 837, 841 (9th Cir. 2000); Malone v. U.S. Postal Service, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987). Those factors are: (1) the public's

¹ Although it appears from the file that the order was returned, the parties were properly served. It is the responsibility of the parties to keep the court apprised of their address of record at all times. Pursuant to Local Rule 182(f), service of documents at the record address of the party is fully effective.

1 interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to manage its own docket; (3)
2 the risk of prejudice to opposing parties; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of cases on
3 their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic sanctions. See id.; see also Ghazali v. Moran,
4 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (per curiam). A warning that the action may be dismissed as an
5 appropriate sanction is considered a less drastic alternative sufficient to satisfy the last factor.
6 See Malone, 833 F.2d at 132-33 & n.1. The sanction of dismissal for lack of prosecution is
7 appropriate where there has been unreasonable delay. See Henderson v. Duncan, 779 F.2d 1421,
8 1423 (9th Cir. 1986). Dismissal has also been held to be an appropriate sanction for failure to
9 comply with an order to file an amended complaint. See Ferdik v. Bonzelet, 963 F.2d 1258,
10 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992).

11 Having considered these factors, and in light of plaintiff's failure to file an
12 amended complaint as directed, the court finds that dismissal of this action is appropriate.

13 Based on the foregoing, the undersigned recommends that this action be
14 dismissed, without prejudice, for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with court rules and
15 orders.

16 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District
17 Judge assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within 14 days
18 after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written
19 objections with the court. Responses to objections shall be filed within 14 days after service of
20 objections. Failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal.
21 See Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

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23 DATED: July 6, 2017

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25 **CRAIG M. KELLISON**
26 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE