



1 and plaintiff has not filed a fifth amended complaint.

2 To manage its docket effectively, the court imposes deadlines and requires litigants to  
3 meet those deadlines. When a plaintiff fails to comply with court-imposed deadlines, the court  
4 may dismiss the plaintiff's case for failure to prosecute. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41; *Hells Canyon*  
5 *Pres. Council v. U.S. Forest Serv.*, 403 F.3d 683, 689 (9th Cir. 2005) (“[T]he consensus among  
6 our sister circuits, with which we agree, is that courts may dismiss under Rule 41(b) sua sponte,  
7 at least under certain circumstances.”). Involuntary dismissal is a harsh penalty, but the court  
8 has a duty to administer justice expeditiously and avoid needless burden for the parties. *See*  
9 *Pagtalunan v. Galaza*, 291 F.3d 639, 642 (9th Cir. 2002); Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

10 Plaintiff will be given an opportunity to explain why the court should not dismiss his case  
11 for failure prosecute and failure to comply with the court's order requiring him to file a fifth  
12 amended complaint. Plaintiff's failure to respond to this order will constitute another failure to  
13 comply with a court order and will result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed.  
14 Accordingly, plaintiff must show cause within twenty-one days of the date of entry of this order  
15 why the court should not dismiss his case for failure to prosecute and failure comply with court  
16 orders. Should plaintiff wish to continue with this lawsuit, he shall also file, within twenty-one  
17 days, a fifth amended complaint.

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: February 17, 2021

  
21 JEREMY D. PETERSON  
22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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