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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PAUL A. BALLESTRASSE,
Plaintiff,
v.
WILLIAM BARR,
Defendant.

Case No. [17-cv-01875-SK](#)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
FAILURE TO PROSECUTE**

Regarding Docket No. 159

On December 4, 2019, the Court denied a motion filed by Wendy E. Musell and Stewart and Musell, LLP to vacate the hearing on their pending motion to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff Paul Ballestrasse. The Court specifically ordered that both Plaintiff and his counsel personally appear at the hearing scheduled for December 30, 2019. (Dkt. No. 157.)

On December 30, 2019, Plaintiff failed to appear at the hearing. The Court granted the motion to withdraw on the condition that Stewart and Musell continue to accept service of papers and forward them to Plaintiff until he files a substitution of counsel. (Dkt No. 159.) The Court scheduled a further case management conference on January 13, 2020. The Court ordered Stewart and Musell to serve a copy of the order granting the motion to withdraw and setting the further case management conference by January 2, 2020.

Plaintiff failed to appear at the case management conference held on January 13, 2020. Therefore, the **HEREBY ORDERS** Plaintiff **TO SHOW CAUSE** why this case should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b). Plaintiff shall file a written response to this Order to Show Cause (“OSC”) by no later than January 22, 2020. The Court admonishes Plaintiff that he has an obligation to comply with the Court’s orders and deadlines. If he fails to file a timely response, the Court will consider dismissing this case based on his failure to prosecute.

