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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
4 OAKLAND DIVISION
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6 DAVID W. PIMENTEL,

7 Plaintiff,

8 vs.

9 COUNTY OF SONOMA, et al.,

10 Defendants.
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Case No: C 08-2121 SBA

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

12 Plaintiff failed to appear for a telephonic Case Management Conference set for
13 October 8, 2008. Dkt. 34. On October 14, 2008, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause
14 (“OSC”) as to why the case should not be dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
15 Procedure 41(b) for failure to prosecute. Id. The Court set a hearing for November 12,
16 2008, during which Plaintiff informed the Court that he was unable to appear as a result of
17 an emergency involving his grandmother. Dkt. 36. The Court vacated its OSC. Id. On
18 February 25, 2009, a telephonic Case Management Conference was schedule and Plaintiff
19 again failed to appear. Dkt. 46. The case was continued to April 1, 2009 for an OSC as to
20 why the case should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute. Id. Although the OSC
21 hearing was not held, Plaintiff has made no contact with the Court or otherwise prosecuted
22 this action since he filed his last case management statement on February 18, 2009. Dkt.
23 44.

24 Consequently, on August 17, 2011, the Court issued an OSC why the instant action
25 should not be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute under Federal Rule of
26 Civil Procedure 41(b). Dkt. 50. In the OSC, the Court directed Plaintiff to submit a written
27 memorandum within ten (10) days of the date the order to explain why the action should
28 not be dismissed. The Court warned Plaintiff that the failure to comply with the order

1 would result in dismissal without any further notice. To date, Plaintiff has not responded to
2 the OSC.


3 A district court may sua sponte dismiss an action for failure to prosecute or to
4 comply with a court order pursuant to Rule 41(b). See Link v. Wabash R.R., 370 U.S. 626,
5 633 (1962); McKeever v. Block, 932 F.2d 795, 797 (9th Cir. 1991). The court should
6 consider five factors before dismissing an action under Rule 41(b): (1) the public interest in
7 the expeditious resolution of the litigation; (2) the court's need to manage its docket; (3) the
8 risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the availability of less drastic sanctions; and (5) the
9 public policy favoring the disposition of actions on their merits. Ghazali v. Moran, 46 F.3d
10 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995).

11 The first three factors cited above weigh in favor of dismissal in light of the fact that
12 Plaintiff has not pursued this matter for two and a half years in any fashion whatsoever.
13 The fourth factor also weighs in favor of dismissal because less drastic sanctions would
14 have little impact in light of the Court's prior warning that the failure to comply with its
15 OSC would result in the dismissal of the action. Although the fifth factor appears to weigh
16 against dismissal, dismissal is appropriate in light of the other four factors. See Pagtalunan
17 v. Galaza, 291 F.3d 639, 643 (9th Cir. 2002) (finding district court did not abuse its
18 discretion in dismissing petition with prejudice where three of the five factors weighed in
19 favor of dismissal). In light of the foregoing,

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT this action is hereby DISMISSED WITHOUT
21 PREJUDICE for failure to prosecute, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).
22 The Clerk of the Court shall close the file and terminate any pending matters.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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26 Dated: September 9, 2011


SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG
United States District Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

12 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District
13 Court, Northern District of California.

14 That on September 12, 2011, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing
15 said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by
16 depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery
17 receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

18 David W. Pimentel
19 1192 Liberty Road
20 Petaluma, CA 94952

21 Dated: September 12, 2011

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk

By: LISA R CLARK, Deputy Clerk

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