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United States District Court  
Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Vernon DeWolf,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Trinity Hope Associates, L.L.C.,  
Defendant.

Case No. 15-cv-6270-KAW  
**ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR  
DEFAULT JUDGMENT**  
Re: Dkt. No. 14

Plaintiff has filed a Motion for Default Judgment. (Dkt. No. 14.) Plaintiff shall file a proposed order on or before August 5, 2016. The submission shall be structured as outlined in Attachment A below and include all relevant legal authority and analysis necessary to establish the case. Plaintiff shall also email the proposed order in Microsoft Word (.docx) format to kawpo@cand.uscourts.gov. No chambers copies of the proposed findings need to be submitted.

Plaintiff is ordered to serve this notice upon all other parties in this action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 25, 2016

  
KANDIS A. WESTMORE  
United States Magistrate Judge

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# ATTACHMENT A

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## INTRODUCTION

(Relief sought and disposition.)

## BACKGROUND

(The pertinent factual and procedural background, including citations to the Complaint and record. Plaintiff(s) should be mindful that only facts in the Complaint are taken as true for purposes of default judgment; therefore, Plaintiff(s) should cite to the Complaint whenever possible.)

## DISCUSSION

### A. Jurisdiction and Service of Process

(Include the following standard)

In considering whether to enter default judgment, a district court must first determine whether it has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties to the case. In *re Tuli*, 172 F.3d 707, 712 (9th Cir. 1999) (“When entry of judgment is sought against a party who has failed to plead or otherwise defend, a district court has an affirmative duty to look into its jurisdiction over both the subject matter and the parties.”).

#### 1. Subject Matter Jurisdiction

(Establish the basis for the Court’s subject matter jurisdiction, including citations to relevant case law and United States Code provisions.)

#### 2. Personal Jurisdiction

(Establish the basis for the Court’s personal jurisdiction, including citations to relevant legal authority, specific to each defendant. If seeking default judgment against any out-of-state defendants, this shall include a minimum contacts analysis under Schwarzenegger v. Fred Martin Motor Co., 374 F.3d 797, 802 (9th Cir. 2004)).

#### 3. Service of Process

(Establish the adequacy of the service of process on the party against whom default is requested,

1 including relevant provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4.)

2 **B. Legal Standard**

3 (Include the following standard)

4 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b)(2) permits a court, following default by a defendant,  
5 to enter default judgment in a case. “The district court’s decision whether to enter default  
6 judgment is a discretionary one.” *Aldabe v. Aldabe*, 616 F.2d 1089, 1092 (9th Cir. 1980). In  
7 determining whether default judgment is appropriate, the Ninth Circuit has enumerated the  
8 following factors for the court to consider: (1) the possibility of prejudice to the plaintiff; (2) the  
9 merits of plaintiff’s substantive claim; (3) the sufficiency of the complaint; (4) the sum of money  
10 at stake in the action; (5) the possibility of dispute concerning material facts; (6) whether default  
11 was due to excusable neglect; and (7) the strong policy underlying the Federal Rules of Civil  
12 Procedure favoring decisions on the merits. *Eitel v. McCool*, 782 F.2d 1470, 1471-72 (9th Cir.  
13 1986). Where a default judgment is granted, the scope of relief is limited by Federal Rule of Civil  
14 Procedure 54(c), which states that a “default judgment must not differ in kind from, or exceed in  
15 amount, what is demanded in the pleadings.” Upon entry of default, all factual allegations within  
16 the complaint are accepted as true, except those allegations relating to the amount of damages.  
17 *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

18 **C. Application to the Case at Bar**

19 (A detailed analysis of each individual Eitel factor, separated by numbered headings. Factors 2  
20 (merits of substantive claims) and 3 (sufficiency of complaint) may be listed and analyzed under  
21 one heading. Plaintiff(s) shall include citations to cases that are factually similar, preferably  
22 within the Ninth Circuit.)

23 **D. Relief Sought**

24 (An analysis of any relief sought, including a calculation of *damages, attorneys’ fees*, etc., with  
25 citations to relevant legal authority.)

26 1. Damages

27 (As damages alleged in the complaint are not accepted as true, the proposed findings must  
28 provide (a) legal authority establishing entitlement to such damages, and (b) citations to evidence

1 supporting the requested damages.)

2 2. Attorney's Fees

3 (If attorney's fees and costs are sought, the proposed findings shall include the following: (1)  
4 Evidence supporting the request for hours worked, including a detailed breakdown and  
5 identification *of the subject matter of each person's time expenditures, accompanied by actual*  
6 *billing records and/or time sheets;* (2) Documentation justifying the requested billing rates, such  
7 as a curriculum vitae or resume; (3) Evidence that the requested rates are in line with those  
8 prevailing in the community, including rate determinations in other cases of similarly complex  
9 *litigation, particularly those setting a rate for the plaintiff's attorney; and (4) Evidence that the*  
10 *requested hours are reasonable, including citations to other cases of similarly complex litigation*  
11 (preferably from this District).

12 3. Costs

13 (Any request for costs must include citations to evidence supporting the requested costs and  
14 relevant legal authority establishing entitlement to such costs.)

15 **CONCLUSION**

16 (Disposition, including any specific award amount(s) and judgment.)

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