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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 11 CARLOS M. ROSALES; GLORIA S. CASE NO. 09-CV-235- IEG (JMA) ROSALES, 12 ORDER: Plaintiffs, 13 (1) DIRECTING PLAINTIFFS TO VS. RESPOND TO DEFENDANTS' 14 MOTION TO DISMISS, and THE MORTGAGE STORE FINANCIAL, 15 (2) VACATING HEARING DATE. INC.; INDYMAC FINANCIAL SERVICES; 16 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS: [Doc. No. 35] MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC 17 REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; DOES 1-100 inclusive; COUNTRYWIDE 18 FINANCIAL CORPORATION: COUNTRYWIDE BANK, F.S.B.; 19 RECONSTRUST COMPANY; INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.; FEDERAL DEPOSIT 20 INSURANCE CORPORATION; FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION. 21 CONSERVATOR FROM INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B.; ONE WEST 22 BANK, F.S.B.; IMB HOLD CO., LLC; IMB MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.; BANK 23 OF AMERICA CORPORATION; ANGELO MOZILO; DAVID SAMBOL; 24 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., 25 Defendants. 26

This matter involves a nonjudicial foreclosure on Plaintiffs' real property following the nonpayment of a secured loan. On March 23, 2009, Plaintiffs filed a 313-page First Amended

Complaint, alleging sixty-one causes of action ranging from RICO violations to actions under the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871. [Doc. No. 14]. Finding the First Amended Complaint to be "repetitious and needlessly long," the Court dismissed it pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a) on June 16, 2009, granting Plaintiffs leave to amend. [Doc. No. 30]. On June 30, 2009, Plaintiffs filed an 80-page Second Amended Complaint. [Doc. No. 31].

Currently before the Court is Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Second Amendment Complaint, filed by defendants Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Countrywide Financial Corporation, Countrywide Bank, F.S.B., Recontrust Company, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., and Bank of America, N.A. ("Moving Defendants"). [Doc. No. 35]. The motion was filed on July 31, 2009, and the hearing on the motion was scheduled for September 28, 2009. Under the Civil Local Rules, this meant that Plaintiffs' response to the motion was due on or before September 14, 2009. See CIV. L.R. 7.1(e)(2). To date, Plaintiffs neither filed a response nor sought additional time in which to file one.

## **LEGAL STANDARD**

Civil Local Rule 7.1(f)(3)(a) provides that a party opposing a motion "shall file a written opposition" or "a written statement that the party does not oppose the motion." <u>Id.</u> 7.1(f)(3)(a) (emphasis added). If the opposing party fails to respond, "that failure may constitute a consent to the granting of a motion." <u>Id.</u> 7.1(f)(3)(c).

## **DISCUSSION**

In this case, the granting of Moving Defendants' motion would result in dismissal of the action. Because dismissal is a harsh penalty, however, the Court will give Plaintiffs a chance to comply with the Local Rules. Therefore, the Court hereby ORDERS that Plaintiffs file a written opposition to or a written statement that they do not oppose the Motion to Dismiss by **October 13, 2009**. The Court emphasizes that a failure to comply with this order will result in dismissal of the Second Amended Complaint with prejudice. See FED. R. CIV. P. 41(b); see also Bautista v. Los Angeles County, 216 F.3d 837, 841 (9th Cir. 2000) ("District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and in the exercise of that power they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate, dismissal of a case." (citation omitted)); Ghazali v. Moran, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (per curiam) ("Failure to follow a district court's local rules is a proper ground for dismissal." (citation

1	omitted)).
2	CONCLUSION
3	For the foregoing reasons, the Court ORDERS that Plaintiffs respond to Moving Defendants'
4	Motion to Dismiss by October 13, 2009. Moreover, in light of this order, the Court VACATES the
5	hearing set for September 28, 2009.
6	IT IS SO ORDERED.
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8	DATED: September 23, 2009  IRMA E. GONZALEZ, Obief Judge
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