

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 MARIA MORALES,)
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5 Plaintiff,)
6 vs.)
7 BANK OF AMERICA N.A.; RECONTRUST)
8 COMPANY, N.A.,)
9 Defendants.)

Case No.: 2:15-cv-01199-GMN-PAL

ORDER

10 Before the Court is the Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 5) filed by Defendants Bank of
11 America N.A. ("BANA") and Recontrust Company, N.A. ("Recontrust") (collectively,
12 "Defendants"). Plaintiff has failed to file a Response to the Motion to Dismiss. For the reasons
13 that follow, the Court GRANTS Defendants Motion to Dismiss and Plaintiff's Complaint is
14 hereby dismissed without prejudice.

15 I. BACKGROUND

16 This case arises from the attempted foreclosure proceedings against real property
17 located at 7945 Cina Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89015 ("Property"). (Compl. ¶¶ 8-9, ECF No.
18 1-2). Plaintiff alleges that she obtained the Property through deed of trust in 2008, to which
19 BANA is the beneficiary and Recontrust is the trustee." (Id. ¶¶ 2, 8).

20 Plaintiff filed an action in state court, asserting a quiet title claim. (Id. ¶¶ 10-14).
21 Shortly thereafter, Defendants removed the case to this Court. (Notice of Removal, ECF No. 1).

22 On June 26, 2015, Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 5). Pursuant to
23 Local Rule 7-2(b) of the Local Rules of Practice of the United States District Court for the
24 District of Nevada, Plaintiff had fourteen days after service of the Motion to file a Response.
25 Not only did Plaintiff fail to respond within fourteen days, Plaintiff has failed to file any

1 Response at all.

2 **II. DISCUSSION**

3 Local Rule 7-2(d) provides that “[t]he failure of an opposing party to file points and
4 authorities in response to any motion shall constitute a consent to the granting of the motion.”
5 D. Nev. R. 7-2(d). As the Ninth Circuit has held, “[f]ailure to follow a district court’s local
6 rules is a proper ground for dismissal.” *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995); see,
7 e.g., *Roberts v. United States of America*, No. 2:01-cv-1230-RLH-LRL, 2002 WL 1770930 (D.
8 Nev. June 13, 2002). However, before dismissing a case for failing to follow local rules or for
9 failure to prosecute, the district court must weigh five factors: “(1) the public’s interest in
10 expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court’s need to manage its docket; (3) the risk of
11 prejudice to defendants/respondents; (4) the availability of less drastic sanctions; and (5) the
12 public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits.” *Pagtalunan v. Galaza*, 291 F.3d
13 639, 642 (9th Cir. 2002).

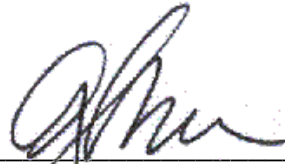
14 Under this test, “the public’s interest in expeditious resolution of litigation always favors
15 dismissal.” *Yourish v. Cal. Amplifier*, 191 F.3d 983, 990 (9th Cir. 1999). Also, the Court’s
16 need to manage its docket is manifest. See *State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Ireland*, No. 2:07-
17 cv-01541-RCJ-RJJ, 2009 WL 4280282 (D. Nev. Nov. 30, 2009). Further, Plaintiff’s failure to
18 timely respond to Defendant’s motion has unreasonably delayed the resolution of this case, and
19 such unreasonable delay “creates a presumption of injury to the defense.” *Henderson v.*
20 *Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1423 (9th Cir. 1986). Less drastic sanctions available to the Court
21 include dismissal of Plaintiff’s Complaint without prejudice.

22 The fifth factor also does not weigh in favor of Plaintiff because it is not clear that this
23 case was likely to be decided on the merits. Plaintiff has failed to take any action since the
24 Motion to Dismiss was filed. Accordingly, the Court concludes that consideration of the five
25 factors discussed above weighs in favor of dismissal.

1 **III. CONCLUSION**

2 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 5) is
3 **GRANTED.** Plaintiff's Complaint is **DISMISSED without prejudice.**

4 **DATED** this 23rd day of July, 2015.

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8 Gloria M. Navarro, Chief Judge
9 United States District Judge
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