

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Henry Adams v. Solano State Prison, et al.

Adams · No. 2:24-cv-2802-TLN-JDP (P) · Decided January 15, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California adopts the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations after Plaintiff Henry Adams failed to file objections. The court dismisses the § 1983 action without prejudice for failure to state a claim, failure to prosecute, and failure to comply with court orders, and directs the Clerk to close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Troy L. Nunley
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	January 15, 2026
DOCKET	2:24-cv-2802-TLN-JDP (P)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's findings and recommendations after the plaintiff failed to file objections, adopted them in full, and dismissed the action without prejudice.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court presumed the magistrate judge's factual findings correct and reviewed the magistrate judge's legal conclusions de novo.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unknown
PARTIES	Henry Adams v. Solano State Prison, et al.

TOPICS

- section 1983
- civil rights
- prisoners rights
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil rights
- civil procedure
- prisoner litigation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations when the plaintiff filed no objections.
2. Whether the action should be dismissed without prejudice for failure to state a claim, failure to prosecute, and failure to comply with court orders.

HOLDINGS

1. The district court presumed the magistrate judge's factual findings correct and reviewed the magistrate judge's conclusions of law de novo.
2. The action was dismissed without prejudice for failure to state a claim, failure to prosecute, and failure to comply with court orders, and the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations were adopted in full.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“[D]eterminations of law by the magistrate judge are reviewed de novo by both the district court and [the appellate] court[.]” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Henry Adams, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brought a civil-rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Solano State Prison and other defendants. After the magistrate judge issued findings and recommendations, Adams did not file objections within fourteen days.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff, a pro se state prisoner, filed a civil-rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The matter was referred to a magistrate judge, whose December 4, 2025 findings and recommendations recommended dismissal. Plaintiff did not object within the prescribed fourteen-day period. The district court reviewed the findings and recommendations, adopted them, dismissed the action without prejudice, and directed the clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Orand v. United States, 602 F.2d 207, 208 (9th Cir. 1979)
- Robbins v. Carey, 481 F.3d 1143, 1147 (9th Cir. 2007)