

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Luis Garcia v. California Department of Developmental Services

Garcia · No. 1:24-cv-00665-SAB · Decided December 5, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California discharged an order to show cause after the plaintiff filed a signed stipulation of dismissal. The court held that the action was terminated pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), directed the clerk to close the case, and ordered the docket adjusted to reflect the stipulated dismissal.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Stanley A. Boone
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	December 5, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-00665-SAB
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court addressed an order to show cause concerning the parties' failure to file dispositional documents and acted on the plaintiff's subsequently filed stipulation of dismissal.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order

TOPICS

- sanctions
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- sanctions

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the order to show cause should be discharged without imposing sanctions.
- Whether the parties' stipulation required termination of the action and closure of the case under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii).

HOLDINGS

1. The order to show cause should be discharged without imposing sanctions.
2. The action was terminated and dismissed pursuant to the terms of the parties' stipulation under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), requiring the clerk to close the case and adjust the docket accordingly.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties failed to file dispositional documents by a court-ordered deadline, prompting the court to issue an order to show cause regarding possible sanctions. The plaintiff later filed a signed stipulation of dismissal, although he did not respond to the order to show cause. The court declined to impose sanctions and treated the stipulation as terminating the action.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 25, 2025, the court issued an order to show cause requiring the parties to explain why sanctions should not be imposed for failure to file dispositional documents by the deadline. On December 3, 2025, the plaintiff filed a signed stipulation of dismissal but did not respond to the order to show cause. The court discharged the order to show cause without sanctions, recognized the stipulated dismissal, terminated the action, and directed the clerk to close the case and adjust the docket.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Wilson v. City of San Jose, 111 F.3d 688, 692 (9th Cir. 1997)