

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Ronald F. Martinez v. A. Parks

Martinez v. Parks · No. 1:21-cv-001496-KES-CDB · Decided January 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California granted Defendants’ motion for an extension of time to oppose Plaintiff’s pending motions concerning requests for admission. The court found good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1)(A) and ordered Defendants to file any opposition by January 26, 2026.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Kirk E. Sherriff
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	January 9, 2026
DOCKET	1:21-cv-001496-KES-CDB
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	In an ongoing prisoner civil-rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, defendants moved for an extension of time to oppose plaintiff's pending discovery-related motions.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Abuse-of-discretion principles govern the district court's management of discovery and control of the course of litigation; under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1)(A), an extension requested before the deadline may be granted for good cause.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential district court order

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- civil rights
- prisoners rights

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- prisoner civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether defendants established good cause for an extension of time to oppose plaintiff's pending motions.

HOLDINGS

1. Defendants demonstrated good cause, and the court granted their motion to extend the opposition deadline from January 12, 2026, to January 26, 2026.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Court finds good cause to grant the requested extension of time.” (Discussion)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff served defendants with a total of 80 requests for admission and filed three motions challenging defendants' objections and seeking related relief and fees. Defendants sought their first extension of time to respond, explaining that counsel needed additional time to review the disputed requests and had been out of the office when the motions were filed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed three motions concerning defendants' responses and objections to requests for admission, including motions under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 36 and 37. Defendants then moved to extend the deadline to oppose those motions. The district court granted the requested extension and ordered defendants to file their opposition by January 26, 2026.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Hunt v. County of Orange, 672 F.3d 606, 616 (9th Cir. 2012)