

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA**

**Chad Michael Creel v. Insurance Agents, et al.**

Creel · No. 2:25-cv-2101-DJC-JDP (PS) · Decided December 16, 2025

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**SUMMARY**

The magistrate judge recommends dismissing Chad Michael Creel’s action without prejudice because he failed to file an amended complaint or respond to an order to show cause. The recommendation relies on the court’s inherent authority and Ninth Circuit standards governing dismissal for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court orders.

**OPINION**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA 10 11 CHAD MICHAEL CREEL, Case No. 2:25-cv-2101-DJC-JDP (PS) 12  
Plaintiff, 13 v. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS 14 INSURANCE AGENTS, et al., 15  
Defendants. 16 17 On August 18, 2025, I screened plaintiff’s complaint and dismissed it for  
failure to state a 18 claim. ECF No. 3.

I ordered plaintiff to file, within thirty days, either an amended complaint or a 19 notice of  
voluntary dismissal of this action. Id. Plaintiff failed to comply with that order. 20 Accordingly, on  
November 19, 2025, I ordered plaintiff to show cause why this action should not 21 be dismissed.  
ECF No. 4. I notified plaintiff that if he wished to continue with this lawsuit, he 22 must file an  
amended complaint.

I also warned plaintiff that failure to comply with the November 23 19 order would result in a  
recommendation that this action be dismissed. Id. Plaintiff has not 24 responded to the order to  
show cause, and the time to do so has passed. 25 The court has the inherent power to control its  
docket and may, in the exercise of that 26 power, impose sanctions where appropriate, including  
dismissal.

Bautista v. Los Angeles Cnty., 27 216 F.3d 837, 841 (9th Cir. 2000); see Local Rule 110 (“Failure  
of counsel or of a party to 28 comply with these Rules or with any order of the Court may be  
grounds for imposition by the 1 Court of any and all sanctions... within the inherent power of the  
Court.”). 2 A court may dismiss an action based on a party’s failure to prosecute an action, failure  
to 3 obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules.

See Ghazali v. Moran, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54 4 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance with local  
rule); Ferdik v. Bonzelet, 963 F.2d 1258, 5 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to

comply with an order to file an amended 6 complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal for failure to 7 comply with local rule requiring pro se plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address); *Malone v. 8 U.S. Postal Serv.*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir.

1987) (dismissal for failure to comply with court 9 order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for lack of 10 prosecution and failure to comply with local rules). 11 In recommending that this action be dismissed for failure to comply with court orders, I 12 have considered “(1) the public’s interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court’s 13 need to manage its docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy 14 favoring disposition of cases on their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives.” 15 *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260-61 (citation omitted).

16 Here, plaintiff failed to respond to the order directing her to file an amended complaint or 17 notice of voluntary dismissal. See ECF No. 3. Therefore, the public interest in expeditious 18 resolution of litigation, the court’s need to manage its docket, and the risk of prejudice to the 19 defendant all support imposition of the sanction of dismissal. Lastly, my warning to plaintiff that 20 failure to obey court orders will result in dismissal satisfies the “considerations of the 21 alternatives” requirement.

*Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262; *Malone*, 833 at 132-33; *Henderson*, 779 22 F.2d at 1424. The November 19, 2025 order expressly warned plaintiff that failure to comply 23 with court orders would result in dismissal. ECF No. 4. Plaintiff had adequate warning that 24 dismissal could result from noncompliance. I therefore find that the balance of factors weighs in 25 favor of dismissal.

26 Accordingly, it is hereby RECOMMENDED that: 27 1. This action be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute, failure to comply 28 with court orders, and failure to state a claim for the reasons set forth in the court’s August 18, 1 | 2025 order. See ECF No. 3. 2 2.

The Clerk of Court be directed to close the case. 3 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge 4 | assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within fourteen days of 5 || service of these findings and recommendations, any party may file written objections with the 6 || court and serve a copy on all parties.

Any such document should be captioned “Objections to 7 | Magistrate Judge’s Findings and Recommendations,” and any response shall be served and filed 8 | within fourteen days of service of the objections. The parties are advised that failure to file 9 | objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the District Court’s order. See 10 | *Turner v. Duncan*, 158 F.3d 449, 455 (9th Cir.

1998); *Martinez v. Yist*, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 11 1991). 12 3 IT IS SO ORDERED. 14 ( 4 ie — Dated: \_ December 16, 2025 Q———. 15 JEREMY D. PETERSON 16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

