

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Keni Mae Meyer v. County of Sonoma, et al.

Meyer · No. 24-cv-09056-HSG · Decided December 30, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California granted Defendants’ motion to dismiss Keni Mae Meyer’s First Amended Complaint. The court held that Meyer failed to plausibly allege constitutional, Monell, privacy, trespass, or intentional-infliction-of-emotional-distress claims arising from alleged drone surveillance in March 2023 and an animal-services officer’s visit to her property in February 2024. The court dismissed the action without leave to amend and directed the Clerk to enter judgment for Defendants and close the case.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the Northern District of California                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the Northern District of California                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| DECIDED               | December 30, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| DOCKET                | 24-cv-09056-HSG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| DISPOSITION           | dismissed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Defendants moved under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) to dismiss Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint alleging constitutional, municipal-liability, state constitutional privacy, trespass, and intentional-infliction-of-emotional-distress claims.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | On a Rule 12(b)(6) motion, the Court accepts factual allegations as true and construes the pleadings in the nonmoving party's favor, but disregards conclusory allegations, unwarranted factual deductions, and unreasonable inferences. The complaint must contain sufficient factual matter to state a facially plausible claim for relief. At the pleading stage, qualified immunity is proper when the complaint does not allege facts showing violation of a clearly established constitutional right. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | district court order; precedential status not specified                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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## PARTIES

Keni Mae Meyer v. County of Sonoma, Tennis Wick, Tyra Harrington, Todd Hoffman, Ryan Sharp, Jesse Cablk, Cris Martinez

## TOPICS

motions to dismiss

qualified immunity

section 1983

municipal liability

civil procedure

## PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

constitutional law

civil rights

municipal liability

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## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the First Amended Complaint plausibly alleged a constitutional or other legally cognizable claim arising from the March 2023 drone surveillance.
2. Whether the individual Defendants involved in the alleged drone surveillance were entitled to qualified immunity.
3. Whether the First Amended Complaint plausibly alleged municipal liability under Monell based on Sonoma County's drone program.
4. Whether the allegations concerning Martinez's February 2024 entry and observations stated a claim for an unlawful search, trespass, or related relief.
5. Whether the case should be dismissed without leave to amend after Plaintiff failed to cure deficiencies previously identified by the Court.

## HOLDINGS

1. The First Amended Complaint failed to allege sufficient facts connecting any individual Defendant to the March 2023 drone surveillance or showing that the alleged surveillance constituted actionable unconstitutional conduct.
2. The individual Defendants allegedly involved in the drone surveillance were entitled to qualified immunity because Plaintiff did not show that the alleged conduct violated a constitutional right that was clearly established at the time.
3. The First Amended Complaint failed to state a claim for municipal liability under Monell.
4. The First Amended Complaint failed to state a claim based on Martinez's February 2024 entry and observations.
5. Dismissal without leave to amend was appropriate because Plaintiff had already received an opportunity to amend and failed to cure deficiencies previously identified by the Court.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*"To determine whether an officer is entitled to qualified immunity, the Court must consider whether (1) the officer's conduct violated a constitutional right and (2) that right was clearly established at the time of the incident."* (at 9)

*“A municipality cannot be held liable under § 1983 on a respondeat superior theory.”* (at 11)

*“The Court therefore DISMISSES the case against Defendants without leave to amend.”* (at 14)

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff alleged that Sonoma County used a drone to surveil her property on March 23, 2023, without a warrant, consent, or exigent circumstances. She also alleged that County animal-services officer Cris Martinez entered through an open security gate in February 2024, approached the house, looked briefly into an open garage and front windows, and stated that he was investigating unlicensed dogs, an allegedly unpermitted kennel, and the health of a horse. Plaintiff asserted claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, including Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment claims and municipal liability, as well as California privacy, trespass, and intentional-infliction-of-emotional-distress claims.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed the action in December 2024. The Court previously granted Defendants' first motion to dismiss, dismissed all claims in the original complaint, and granted leave to amend. Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint, but the Court concluded that the amended allegations remained deficient and granted the renewed motion to dismiss. The case was dismissed without leave to amend, judgment was directed in favor of Defendants, and the Clerk was ordered to close the case.

## DISPOSITION

dismissed

## CASES CITED

- *Mendiondo v. Centinela Hospital Medical Center*, 521 F.3d 1097, 1104 (9th Cir. 2008)
- *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)
- *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009)
- *Manzarek*, 519 F.3d at 1031
- *In re Gilead Sciences Securities Litigation*, 536 F.3d 1049, 1055 (9th Cir. 2008)
- *Sprewell v. Golden State Warriors*, 266 F.3d 979, 988 (9th Cir. 2001)
- *Monell v. New York City Department of Social Services*, 436 U.S. 658, 691 (1978)
- *Horton v. City of Santa Maria*, 915 F.3d 592, 602-03 (9th Cir. 2019)
- *AE v. County of Tulare*, 666 F.3d 631, 637 (9th Cir. 2012)
- *Pearson v. Callahan*, 555 U.S. 223, 232, 236 (2009)
- *Keates v. Koile*, 883 F.3d 1228, 1234-35 (9th Cir. 2018)
- *City and County of San Francisco v. Sheehan*, 575 U.S. 600, 611 (2015)
- *Plumhoff v. Rickard*, 572 U.S. 765, 778-79 (2014)
- *Ashcroft v. al-Kidd*, 563 U.S. 731, 741-42 (2011)
- *Florida v. Jardines*, 569 U.S. 1, 3, 5-9 (2013)

- *Kyllo v. United States*, 533 U.S. 27, 34-37 (2001)
- *Payton v. New York*, 445 U.S. 573, 583-90 (1980)
- *Florida v. Riley*, 488 U.S. 445, 447-51 (1989)
- *San Jose Charter of Hells Angels Motorcycle Club v. City of San Jose*, 402 F.3d 962, 971-76 (9th Cir. 2005)
- *United States v. Allen*, 813 F.3d 76, 80-89 (2d Cir. 2016)
- *United States v. Almeida-Perez*, 549 F.3d 1162, 1169-72 (8th Cir. 2008)
- *United States v. Perea-Rey*, 680 F.3d 1179, 1187-88 (9th Cir. 2012)
- *United States ex rel. Robinson Rancheria Citizens Council v. Borneo*, 971 F.2d 244, 248 (9th Cir. 1992)
- *Ramirez v. Galaza*, 334 F.3d 850, 860 (9th Cir. 2003)
- *Zucco Partners, LLC v. Digimarc Corp.*, 552 F.3d 981, 990 (9th Cir. 2009), as amended (Feb. 10, 2009)

## OPINION

1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 7  
KENI MAE MEYER, Case No. 24-cv-09056-HSG 8 Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
TO DISMISS 9 v. Re: Dkt. No. 34 10 COUNTY OF SONOMA, et al., 11 Defendants. 12 13  
Pending before the Court is Defendants’ motion to dismiss the First Amended Complaint.1 14 Dkt.  
No. 34.

The Court finds this matter appropriate for disposition without oral argument and the 15 matter is  
deemed submitted. See Civil L.R. 7-1(b). For the reasons detailed below, the Court 16 GRANTS  
the motion. 17 I. BACKGROUND 18 Plaintiff Keni Mae Meyer initially filed this case in  
December 2024. See Compl.

The 19 Court granted in part Defendants’ first motion to dismiss, and none of Plaintiff’s claims in  
the 20 original complaint survived the motion to dismiss. See Dkt. No. 32. Out of an abundance of  
21 caution, the Court granted leave to amend, and Plaintiff accordingly filed an amended  
complaint. 22 See FAC. Despite the opportunity to amend, Plaintiff’s case remains largely the  
same.

23 Plaintiff continues to challenge, at least in part, Sonoma County’s policies regarding the 24 use  
of drones for aerial surveillance of private property. See, e.g., FAC at ¶¶ 48–64, 81, 84, 101– 25 26  
1 Defendants include County of Sonoma employees Tennis Wick, Tyra Harrington, Todd Hoffman,  
Ryan Sharp, Jesse Cablk, and Cris Martinez. See Dkt. No. 33 (“FAC”) at ¶¶ 10–16.

27 The FAC appears to remove the County itself as a Defendant. See *id.* But Plaintiff elsewhere 1  
103, 119, 169–70. Plaintiff suggests that the County began to surveil and trespass on her property  
2 without a warrant after the County issued multiple Sonoma County Code violations for her 3  
Sebastopol property. See *id.* at ¶¶ 68–77, 79–81, 84. Specifically, Plaintiff identifies two 4  
incidents: 5 6 • Plaintiff alleges that the County surveilled her property by drone “without a 7  
warrant, consent, or exigent circumstances” on March 23, 2023.

See *id.* at ¶ 84. 8 Plaintiff suggests that the drone photographs she has obtained appear to have been 9 taken “at a very low level, well below 400 feet and probably more like 20 feet.” 10 See, e.g., *id.* at ¶ 172. 11 12 • Plaintiff alleges that Defendant Cris Martinez, an officer with Sonoma County’s 13 Animal Services, drove onto her property without permission on February 14, 14 2024.

See *id.* at ¶¶ 16, 85, 189–201. According to Plaintiff, Defendant Martinez 15 was “casing” her property and entered through the security gate in his vehicle when 16 Plaintiff opened the gate to let another guest onto the property. See *id.* at ¶¶ 85, 17 190. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant Martinez “badgered and harassed” her and 18 refused to leave the property.

*Id.* at ¶ 86. Plaintiff contends that Defendant 19 Martinez walked near her garage, which was open, and “looked into the garage area 20 for approximately 45 seconds.” See *id.* at ¶ 190. According to Plaintiff, he also 21 stopped in front of the house, “which has very large windows,” and “took a 22 moment to look into those windows in the front part of her house.”<sup>2</sup> See *id.* at 23 ¶¶ 197–98.

24 25 26 2 Although Plaintiff describes other incidents, see FAC at ¶¶ 136–160, she appears to acknowledge that they are barred by the statute of limitations, see *id.* at ¶¶ 158–59. The Court similarly limited 27 Plaintiff’s claims based on the statute of limitations. See Dkt. No. 32 at 7–8.

For clarity, the 1 Based on these allegations, Plaintiff brings claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for violations of 2 the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment’s prohibition of unreasonable searches and seizures and for 3 municipal liability under *Monell v. N.Y. City Dep’t of Social Servs.*, 436 U.S. 658 (1978); for 4 violations of California’s right to privacy under Article I, Section 1 of the California Constitution; 5 as well as common law claims for trespass and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

See *id.* 6 at ¶¶ 202–240. Defendants have once again moved to dismiss the complaint. Dkt. No. 34. 7 II. LEGAL STANDARD 8 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a) requires that a complaint contain “a short and plain 9 statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2). A 10 defendant may move to dismiss a complaint for failing to state a claim upon which relief can be 11 granted under Rule 12(b)(6). “Dismissal under Rule 12(b)(6) is appropriate only where the 12 complaint lacks a cognizable legal theory or sufficient facts to support a cognizable legal theory.” 13 *Mendiondo v. Centinela Hosp.*

*Med. Ctr.*, 521 F.3d 1097, 1104 (9th Cir. 2008). To survive a Rule 14 12(b)(6) motion, a plaintiff need only plead “enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible 15 on its face.” *Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007). A claim is facially plausible 16 when a plaintiff pleads “factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that 17 the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged.” *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009).

18 In reviewing the plausibility of a complaint, courts “accept factual allegations in the 19 complaint as true and construe the pleadings in the light most favorable to the nonmoving party.” 20 *Manzarek*, 519 F.3d at 1031. Nevertheless, courts do not “accept as true allegations that are 21 merely conclusory, unwarranted deductions of fact, or unreasonable inferences.” *In re Gilead* 22 Scis.

Secs. Litig., 536 F.3d 1049, 1055 (9th Cir. 2008) (quoting *Sprewell v. Golden State Warriors*, 23 266 F.3d 979, 988 (9th Cir. 2001)). 24 III. DISCUSSION 25 Defendants argue that Plaintiff still has not alleged a plausible claim against any of them, 26 and that regardless, the individual Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity. See Dkt. No. 34 27 1 at 16–27.

The Court agrees that Plaintiff’s amended complaint remains deficient.<sup>3</sup> 2 A. Drone Surveillance Incident (March 2023) 3 Plaintiff continues to allege that her property was surveilled by drone without a warrant on 4 March 23, 2023. See FAC at ¶¶ 84, 162, 168, 172, 205. She provides several photos of this 5 alleged surveillance.<sup>4</sup> See *id.* at ¶¶ 84, 108–09, 175, & Exs.

E-1, E-2. Plaintiff states that she no 6 longer is pursuing any state law claims based on this drone incident. See *id.* at ¶¶ 1, 126–27; see 7 also Dkt. No. 39 at 6. 8 i. Individual Liability 9 As before, however, there is no information about the circumstances of the surveillance or 10 who was involved in flying the drone. She suggests that the photographs indicate that the drone 11 must have been flying extremely low near her residence.

But even a cursory review of the 12 photographs indicate that they were taken at a distance, at a significant height, and from outside 13 the boundary of Plaintiff’s property. The FAC thus fails to support a claim against any individual 14 Defendants based on the March 2023 incident. 15 The Court previously suggested, and now finds, that any individual defendants involved in 16 the drone surveillance are also entitled to qualified immunity based on Plaintiff’s allegations.

See 17 Dkt. No. 32 at 8–10. Plaintiff attempts to sidestep the question of qualified immunity by citing 18 cases, both in the FAC and in her opposition to the motion to dismiss. See FAC at ¶¶ 90–97, 19 180–82; Dkt. No. 39 at 3–4. She asserts that these cases establish that “the defendants were on 20 notice that conducting a search of the curtilage area of a home with a drone without a warrant was 21 3 Both Plaintiff and Defendants ask the Court to take judicial notice of various court-related 22 documents.

See Dkt. No. 35; Dkt. No. 39 at 23–25. As before, the Court takes judicial notice of (1) the fact that these cases and documents were filed, and (2) of any judicial findings contained in 23 them. See Fed. R. Evid. 201(b) (allowing judicial notice of facts “not subject to reasonable dispute” that are “generally known within the trial court’s territorial jurisdiction” or that “can be 24 accurately and readily determined from sources whose accuracy cannot be reasonably questioned”); see also *United States ex rel.*

*Robinson Rancheria Citizens Council v. Borneo*, 971 F.2d 244, 248 (9th Cir. 1992) (explaining that courts “may take notice of proceedings in other courts, both within and without the federal judicial system, if those proceedings have a direct relation to matters at issue”).

However, the Court does not find that consideration of these documents alters its analysis as detailed below. Plaintiff also includes a photograph that she acknowledges is undated and was included as a trial exhibit prohibited, and that no exception to the warrant requirement applies.” See Dkt. No. 39 at 3. Plaintiff provides no analysis of these cases, and the Court continues to disagree with Plaintiff’s conclusory assertions.

The Court incorporates its prior analysis here, though it briefly addresses Plaintiff’s argument below. See Dkt. No. 32 at 8–10. To determine whether an officer is entitled to qualified immunity, the Court must consider whether (1) the officer’s conduct violated a constitutional right and (2) that right was clearly established at the time of the incident.

*Pearson v. Callahan*, 555 U.S. 223, 232 (2009). Courts may choose which prong to address first. *Id.* at 236. The Ninth Circuit has recognized that “[d]etermining claims of qualified immunity at the motion-to-dismiss stage raises special problems for legal decision making.” *Keates v. Koile*, 883 F.3d 1228, 1234 (9th Cir. 2018).

On a motion to dismiss, the district court must consider “whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts, taken as true, to support the claim that the officials’ conduct violated clearly established constitutional rights of which a reasonable officer would be aware in light of the specific context of the case.” *Id.* at 1235 (quotation omitted). Under the second prong of the qualified immunity inquiry, “[a]n officer ‘cannot be said to have violated a clearly established right unless the right’s contours were sufficiently definite that any reasonable official in [his] shoes would have understood that he was violating it.’” *City & Cnty. of S.F. v. Sheehan*, 575 U.S. 600, 611 (2015) (quoting *Plumhoff v. Rickard*, 572 U.S. 765, 778–79 (2014)).

While this does not “require a case directly on point, [ ] existing precedent must have placed the statutory or constitutional question beyond debate.” *Ashcroft v. al-Kidd*, 563 U.S. 731, 741 (2011). The Supreme Court has “repeatedly told courts... not to define clearly established law at a high level of generality.” *Id.* at 742. None of Plaintiff’s cited cases establish that the right to be free from the drone surveillance alleged was clearly established at the time of the March 2023 incident.

To the contrary, Plaintiff acknowledges that “there are no published cases on point regarding drone use....” Dkt. No. 39 at 8. However, she suggests that the right to be free from warrantless drone surveillance of her property was still clearly established by cases discussing “a search of the curtilage area of a home.” The Court already addressed two of Plaintiff’s cases in its prior order: *Florida v. Jardines*, 569 U.S. 1 (2013), and *Kyllo v. United States*, 533 U.S. 27 (2001).

See Dkt. No. 32 at 9–10. 3 Plaintiff still “offers little analysis of these cases, and significantly, neither case involved drones or 4 even aerial surveillance.” See *id.* at 10. *Jardines* involved the use of a drug-sniffing dog around 5 the homeowner’s porch, whose positive alert for narcotics served as the basis for a search warrant. 6 See *Jardines*, 569 U.S. at 3.

The Supreme Court concluded that the officers improperly gathered 7 information “by physically entering and occupying” the curtilage of the house. *Id.* at 5–9; see also 8 *Payton v. New York*, 445 U.S. 573, 583–90 (1980) (addressing warrantless entry into home for 9 felony arrest). No such physical intrusion occurred here. *Kyllo* involved the use of a thermal- 10 imaging device on a public street, but aimed at a private home.

*Kyllo*, 533 U.S. at 34. The 11 Supreme Court concluded that this constituted an improper search, but contrasted the use of new 12 technology to search inside someone’s home with using it to search other areas such as the 13 curtilage and “uncovered portions of residences.” See *id.* at 34–37. Again, this case does not 14 place the unconstitutionality of the alleged drone surveillance “beyond debate.” See *al-Kidd*, 563 15 U.S. at 741; cf. *Florida v. Riley*, 488 U.S. 445, 447–51 (1989) (finding aerial surveillance of 16 interior of greenhouse by helicopter flying at lawful altitude above home did not constitute 17 unlawful search).

18 Plaintiff’s additional cases are similarly inapposite. *San Jose Charter of Hells Angels 19 Motorcycle Club v. City of San Jose*, for example, involved whether qualified immunity was 20 properly denied based on the seizure of items with “indicia of Hells Angels affiliation” and the 21 shooting of dogs when executing a warrant at various residences. 402 F.3d 962, 971–76 (9th Cir.

22 2005). And two of the other cases she cites are from outside this Circuit and involved physical 23 intrusion into homes. See *United States v. Allen* 813 F.3d 76, 80–89 (2d Cir. 2016) (defendant- 24 appellant standing at threshold inside his home at time of warrantless arrest); *United States v 25 Almeida-Perez*, 549 F.3d 1162, 1169–72 (8th Cir. 2008) (addressing apparent authority and scope 26 of permission to enter home for search).

These cases, even taken together, still offer only “a high 27 level of generality” about Fourth Amendment rights in the context presented by this case. See *al-* 1 ii. Monell Claim 2 Plaintiff’s Monell claim also falls short. Pursuant to *Monell v. N.Y. City Dep’t of Social 3 Servs.*, 436 U.S. 658 (1978), “a municipality cannot be held liable under § 1983 on a respondeat 4 superior theory.” *Monell*, 436 U.S. at 691.

Rather, to plausibly state a claim for municipal 5 liability under Monell, a plaintiff must allege unconstitutional conduct attributable to “(1) an 6 official policy; (2) a pervasive practice or custom; (3) a failure to train, supervise, or discipline; or 7 (4) a decision or act by a final policymaker.” *Horton v. City of Santa Maria*, 915 F.3d 592, 602– 8 03 (9th Cir.

2019). In other words, the plaintiff must “demonstrate that, through its deliberate 9 conduct, the municipality was the ‘moving force’ behind the injury alleged.” Id. (quotation 10 omitted). At the pleading stage, a plaintiff’s Monell claim “may not simply recite the elements of 11 a cause of action, but must contain sufficient allegations of underlying facts to give fair notice and 12 to enable the opposing party to defend itself effectively.” See *AE v. Cty. of Tulare*, 666 F.3d 631, 13 637 (9th Cir.

2012) (quotation omitted). 14 Although the FAC includes information about the County’s drone program, there are not 15 sufficient factual allegations about how the program affected Plaintiff or how in practice it 16 violated federal law. Like Plaintiff’s argument against qualified immunity, she simply concludes 17 without any analysis that the March 2023 drone surveillance was an unconstitutional search of her 18 property.

See Dkt. No. 39 at 9–11. And although Plaintiff repeatedly points to the March 2023 19 incident in her complaint, even as alleged it is not clear that this incident—as opposed to an earlier 20 2020 incident outside the statute of limitations—was conducted pursuant to any County policy. 21 See FAC at ¶ 57 (“On information and belief, the March 27, 2020 warrantless use of a drone to 22 search the subject property was conducted by Defendants Hoffman and Cablk, acting pursuant to 23 the County’s drone policy....”) (emphasis added); see also id. at ¶¶ 104–05, 108–09, & Ex. E-3 24 (regarding a drone photo used as an exhibit during a 2022 trial against Plaintiff regarding code 25 violations).

Plaintiff may disagree with the County’s use of drones, but that is not enough to state 26 a claim here.<sup>5</sup> Neither may Plaintiff rely on allegations or analysis from other cases, which she 27 1 quotes in both the FAC and her opposition brief. See id. at 11–16. That some cases involving the 2 County’s drone policy may have survived a motion to dismiss does not excuse Plaintiff from 3 pleading her own case.

4 The Court therefore GRANTS the motion to dismiss as to all Plaintiff’s claims related to 5 the March 2023 incident. 6 B. Defendant Martinez Incident (February 2024) 7 Plaintiff’s remaining claims involve Defendant Martinez allegedly trespassing and 8 conducting an illegal search on Plaintiff’s property in February 2024. See FAC at ¶¶ 16, 85, 189– 9 201.

As noted above, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant Martinez waited to enter her property when 10 Plaintiff opened a security gate to let another guest in. See id. at ¶¶ 85, 190. And after driving “20 11 feet before her house,” he got out of his car, “looked into the garage area for approximately 45 12 seconds” and “took a moment to look into [the] windows in the front part of her house.” See id. at 13 ¶¶ 190, 197–98.

Even as alleged, therefore, Defendant Martinez entered through an open gate and 14 looked briefly at aspects of the property in plain view. Even setting aside the open gate, Plaintiff 15 also appears

to acknowledge that Defendant Martinez could have entered the property for “a 16 legitimate animal control inspection of the premises.” See *id.* at ¶ 196; see also *id.* at ¶ 195 17 (suggesting that Defendant Martinez could have searched the corral on the property, but didn’t).

18 And she alleges that while present, Defendant Martinez proffered this as a reason for his visit, 19 stating that “he was there because none of Ms. Meyer’s dogs were licensed with the County” and 20 he believed she was “operating an illegal, unpermitted kennel,” and he was checking on the health 21 of a horse. See *id.* at ¶ 201. Plaintiff repeatedly contends that Defendant Martinez’s conduct still 22 violated state and federal law, but she only provides conclusory assertions and a bare recitation of 23 the elements of her claims.

See, e.g., Dkt. No. 39 at 18–22. This is insufficient. In short, Plaintiff 24 still does not allege conduct that gives rise to any claim against Defendant Martinez. Cf. *United 25 States v. Perea-Rey*, 680 F.3d 1179, 1187–88 (9th Cir. 2012) (“[I]t remains permissible for 26 27 describe any of these other incidents. It is also not clear whether Plaintiff still resides at the 1 officers to approach a home to contact the inhabitants.”).° 2 The Court therefore GRANTS the motion to dismiss the claims related to the February 3 2024 incident.

4 IV. CONCLUSION 5 The Court GRANTS the motion to dismiss. Dkt. No. 34. Plaintiff has had ample 6 || opportunity to amend the complaint and has failed to cure the deficiencies that the Court 7 || previously identified. It seems apparent that Plaintiff disagrees with the County’s ongoing use of 8 || drones, but her policy disagreement is not enough to state a claim for relief.

She also has failed to 9 || grapple meaningfully with the relevant case law. The Court therefore DISMISSES the case 10 against Defendants without leave to amend. See *Ramirez v. Galaza*, 334 F.3d 850, 860 (9th Cir. 11 2003) (“Leave to amend should be granted unless the pleading could not possibly be cured by the 12 || allegation of other facts, and should be granted more liberally to pro se plaintiffs.”) (quotations 13 omitted); *Zucco Partners, LLC v. Digimarc Corp.*, 552 F.3d 981, 990 (9th Cir.

2009), as amended v 14 || (Feb. 10, 2009) (“[W]here the Plaintiff has previously been granted leave to amend and has 15 subsequently failed to add the requisite particularity to its claims, [t]he district court’s discretion to A 16 || deny leave to amend is particularly broad.” (quotation omitted)).

The Clerk is directed to enter = 17 || judgment in favor of Defendants and against Plaintiff, and to close the case. 18 IT IS SO ORDERED. 19 || Dated: 12/30/2025 20 Aleprrl § Mbl |. HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR. 21 United States District Judge 22 23 24 25 26 © To the extent that Plaintiff is asserting federal claims against Defendant Martinez, the Court further finds that he is entitled to qualified immunity based on Plaintiff's allegations.

Again, 07 Plaintiff alleges that Defendant Martinez entered the property through an open gate and approached the front of the house where he briefly spoke with Plaintiff. Plaintiff does not cite, 28 and the Court is not aware of, any cases that would place the unconstitutionality of such conduct “beyond debate.” See *al-Kidd*, 563 U.S. at 741.

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