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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

<p>RODNEY LAMONT DOWD,</p> <p>Plaintiff - Appellant,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>S. MEYST,</p> <p>Defendant - Appellee.</p>
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No. 11-15360

D.C. No. 1:07-cv-01505-OWW-DLB

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of California
Oliver W. Wanger, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted May 15, 2012**

Before: CANBY, GRABER, and M. SMITH, Circuit Judges.

California state prisoner Rodney Lamont Dowd appeals pro se from the district court’s judgment dismissing his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action for failure to exhaust administrative remedies under the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 42 U.S.C.

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

§ 1997e(a). We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We review de novo the district court's dismissal for failure to exhaust, and for clear error its factual determinations. *Wyatt v. Terhune*, 315 F.3d 1108, 1117 (9th Cir. 2003). We affirm.

The district court properly dismissed the action without prejudice because Dowd failed to exhaust administrative remedies prior to filing suit. *See Woodford v. Ngo*, 548 U.S. 81, 93-95 (2006) (holding that "proper exhaustion" is mandatory and requires adherence to administrative procedural rules).

Dowd's remaining contentions are unpersuasive.

Dowd's motion to expedite for good cause, filed April 11, 2012, is denied as moot.

AFFIRMED.