UNITED	STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTI	ERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
LOUIS RICHARD FRESQUEZ,	1:04-cv-05123-AWI-GSA-PC
Plaintiff,	FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS,
v.	RECOMMENDING THAT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT BE
LIEUTENANT PIETER MOERD	YK, DENIED, AND THE AMENDED COMPLAIN BE DISMISSED FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM, WITH LEAVE TO AMEND
Defendant.	(Doc. 64.) OBJECTIONS, IF ANY, DUE IN 30 DAYS

This is a civil action in which the Clerk of the Court previously entered default against
defendant Lieutenant Pieter Moerdyk. Plaintiff now seeks the entry of a default judgment in
Plaintiff's favor.

#### I. BACKGROUND

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Louis Richard Fresquez ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights action alleging that prison officials violated the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and the Rehabilitation Act ("RA"). Plaintiff filed this action on March 11, 2003, in the Northern District of California. On March 18, 2003, Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint. The case was subsequently transferred to this Court and received on January 20, 2004. (Doc. 1.)

On May 30, 2006, this case was dismissed in its entirety for failure to state a claim. (Doc.
28 24.) Plaintiff appealed the Court's decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and on August

4, 2008, the case was remanded for further proceedings.<sup>1</sup> (Docs. 26, 37.) On July 8, 2009, the Court 1 2 directed the United States Marshal to serve process on defendants Lieutenant ("Lt.") Moerdyk and Correctional Officer ("C/O") Mata. (Doc. 42.) Defendant Moerdyk was served with a summons and 3 a copy of the complaint on May 7, 2010. (Doc. 58.) Service upon defendant Mata was unsuccessful, 4 5 and defendant Mata was dismissed from this action on February 8, 2011. (Doc. 73.)<sup>2</sup>

6 On September 24, 2010, Plaintiff filed a motion for entry of default against defendant 7 Moerdyk. (Doc. 61.) Defendant Moerdyk did not respond to Plaintiff's motion or make any other 8 appearance in this action, and default was entered by the Clerk on September 27, 2010. (Doc. 63.) 9 On October 12, 2010, Plaintiff filed a motion for default judgment against defendant Moerdyk. 10 (Doc. 64.) To date, defendant Moerdyk has not responded to Plaintiff's motion or made any other appearance in this action. On December 1, 2010, the Court issued an order for Plaintiff to submit 11 evidence of the damage amount requested against defendant Moerdyk, pursuant to Rule 55(b)(2). 12 13 (Doc. 69.) On February 3, 2011, Plaintiff filed a declaration in support of the motion for default judgment. (Doc. 72.) On February 25, 2011, Plaintiff filed requests for declaratory and injunctive 14 relief. (Docs. 76, 77.) 15

Plaintiff's motion for default judgment is now before the Court.

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# PLAINTIFF'S ALLEGATIONS IN THE AMENDED COMPLAINT

At the time of the events at issue, Plaintiff was a state prisoner incarcerated at the California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison in Corcoran, California. Plaintiff names Lt. Moerdyk and C/O Mata<sup>3</sup> as defendants. Plaintiff alleges as follows in the Amended Complaint. On December 3, 2002, C/O Mata issued a CDC 115 Rules Violation Report ("RVR") against

22 Plaintiff for using the bathroom after the 5:00 p.m. count was taken and the guards were waiting for

26 <sup>2</sup>As a result of the dismissal of defendant Mata, defendant Moerdyk is the only defendant remaining in this action.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Ninth Circuit held that the "district court properly dismissed Fresquez's claims that implicated the invalidity of a disciplinary conviction which resulted in lost good-time credits" but held that "Fresquez's remaining allegations concerning the conditions of his confinement are independent of his disciplinary conviction and should not have been dismissed under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A." (Doc. 37 at 2.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Plaintiff identified this defendant as "Maka" in the Amended Complaint. However, Plaintiff corrected the spelling to "Mata" when he completed documents to initiate service of process.

clearance from Sacramento. The charges against Plaintiff in the RVR were contrary to institutional
 policy and the ADA. In issuing the RVR, C/O Maka discriminated against Plaintiff, knowing that
 Plaintiff is deaf, vision impaired, and mobility impaired.

4 On December 17, 2002, a disciplinary hearing was held to address Plaintiff's RVR. Lt. 5 Moerdyk officiated over the hearing. Before the hearing, Lt. Moerdyk asked Plaintiff if he would agree to have the hearing without the assistance of a sign language interpreter. Plaintiff agreed, 6 7 stating he was willing to participate in writing. During the course of the hearing, C/O Mata had 8 several conversations with Lt. Moerdyk which Plaintiff, being deaf, could not hear or participate in. 9 The officers were obviously talking about Plaintiff, but Plaintiff did not know what they were saying 10 and was unable to take part. Plaintiff pled not guilty of being off his bed during the count, and gave Lt. Moerdyk several memorandums about institutional policy regarding the use of the bathroom after 11 12 the count. Lt. Moerdyk highlighted one section of the memorandums, proceeded to have another 13 discussion with C/O Mata, and found Plaintiff guilty of violating CCR 3017, for the specific act of being off his assigned bunk during the count. As such, Lt. Moerdyk deliberately ignored institutional 14 15 policy and chose to play favors.

16 Plaintiff asserts he was not off his bunk during the count, and he could not hear the 17 announcements over the Public Address (P.A.) system which C/O Mata said she made. Plaintiff 18 maintains that announcements over the P.A. system are part of a sadistic trend to deprive disabled 19 inmates of the use of the bathroom. C/O Mata announced there would be no movement until the 20 count was clear. This announcement is against institutional policy which states that movement is 21 allowed with permission. C/O Mata would not give permission or acknowledge any requests after 22 making this announcement. C/O Mata knew that Plaintiff is deaf and that there were other deaf 23 inmates in the building. C/O Mata's conduct demonstrates her hatred for deaf inmates.

Plaintiff filed a CDC form-1824 Reasonable Modification Request regarding the use of the
bathroom, which was processed from the informal level to the Director's Level of review. Plaintiff
was granted a rehearing of the CDC-115 RVR.

Plaintiff also alleges that the guards in Building 3 do not have a policy, practice, or procedure
for deaf inmates to get their attention when needed. Plaintiff has been threatened with a CDC-115

RVR for trying to get the guards' attention; he has been waved away from the gate; and he has been 1 2 threatened by guards who place their hands on cans of mace. There is no means of notifying deaf inmates when a count is being taken. There is no means for deaf inmates to hear what is being 3 announced over the P.A. system. The guards make announcements over the P.A. system and then 4 5 threaten deaf inmates when they do not comply with what was announced. Past memorandums establishing a procedure for communication with the deaf are ignored. Guards call deaf inmates over 6 the P.A. system and get angry when they do not respond. As a result, Plaintiff and other deaf 7 inmates do not get their mail when other inmates get theirs; they miss appointments with other 8 9 employees who call the building for them; and they are generally left out.

Plaintiff requests monetary damages and injunctive relief.

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# MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

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## A. Legal Standard

Pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a defendant must serve an answer within 21 days of being properly served with a summons and complaint. Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(1)(A)(I). If a defendant fails to do so, a default judgment may be entered pursuant to Rule 55(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Rule 55(a) provides that "[w]hen a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend, and that failure is shown by affidavit or otherwise, the clerk must enter the party's default." Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a).

19 However, even if entry of default has been made by the court clerk, granting a default judgment is not automatic. Pepsi Co, Inc. v. Triunfo-Mex, Inc., 189 F.R.D. 431, 432 (C.D.Cal. 20 21 1999); see GMAC Commercial Mortg. Corp. v. Maitland Hotel Assoc., 218 F.Supp.2d 1355, 1359 22 (M.D.Fla. 2002) (finding that "mere entry of default by clerk does not in itself warrant entry of default judgment"). Instead, "[t]he [Court's] decision whether to enter a default judgment is a 23 discretionary one." Aldabe v. Aldabe, 616 F.2d 1089, 1092 (9th Cir.1980); see Duling v. Markun, 24 25 231 F.2d 833, 836 (7th Cir. 1956). Using this discretion, the Court must find a "sufficient basis in the pleadings" for a default judgment to be entered. GMAC, 218 F.Supp.2d at 1359 (citing 26 27 Nishimatsu Const. Co. v. Houston Nat'l Bank, 515 F.2d 1200, 1206 (5th Cir. 1975)).

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When choosing to grant or deny entry of a default judgment, the court considers several 1 2 factors, such as the possibility of prejudice to the plaintiff, the substantive merits of the plaintiff's 3 claim, the sufficiency of the complaint, the amount of money at stake, the possibility of prejudice to plaintiff if relief is denied, whether default was the result of excusable neglect, and the strong 4 5 policy of the Federal Rules that favors decisions on the merits. Eitel v. McCool, 782 F.2d 1470, 6 1471-72 (9th Cir.1986). In considering the Eitel factors, the court takes all factual allegations in the 7 plaintiff's complaint as true, except for those relating to damages. TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. 8 Heidenthal, 826 F.2d 915, 917 (9th Cir.1987).

Although default judgments are more often granted than denied under this discretionary
standard, default judgment is not appropriate when the complaint fails to state a claim. <u>GMAC</u>, 218
F.Supp.2d at 1359 (citing <u>Chudasama v. Mazda Motor Corp.</u>, 123 F.3d 1353, 1370, n. 41 (11th Cir.
1997)). This is because entry of a default judgment effectively renders the plaintiff's well-pleaded
allegations as non-disputed facts. <u>GMAC</u>, 218 F.Supp.2d at 1359. It also bars the defendant from
contesting those facts on appeal. <u>Id.</u> (citing <u>Buchanan v. Bowman</u>, 820 F.2d 359, 361 (11th
Cir.1987)).

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#### B. <u>Plaintiff's Motion</u>

Plaintiff requests the entry of a default judgment against defendant Lt. Moerdyk, fordiscriminating against him in violation of the ADA and RA.

In support of his motion, Plaintiff first asserts that he (Plaintiff) is disabled within the meaning of the ADA because he was classified as D.P.P. (Disabled Placement Program) at Solano State Prison based on his deafness. (Fresquez Decl., Doc. 72 at 4). Plaintiff also asserts that he is forced to wear a yellow vest with "Hearing Impaired" stenciled on the back of the vest. (Id.)

Plaintiff requests an award including the following:

- Declaration that his thirty-day loss of good time credits at the unconstitutional disciplinary hearing is void and must be restored;
- (2) Declaration that the unconstitutional application of multiple punishments for one offense was illegal and contrary to the ADA;
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1	(3)	Declaration of the due process rights of communication to all deaf inmates;
2	(4)	Injunction requiring the prison to provide sign language interpreters or written
3		communication in all due process hearings/sessions, including CDC-115 disciplinary
4		hearings;
5	(5)	Declaration that deaf inmates have the right to choose the type of communication
6		provided, per the Code of Federal Regulations and Captain Frazer's Memorandum
7		entitled "Communications With Deaf Inmates;"
8	(6)	Injunction requiring that deaf inmates will be provided copies of all written
9		communications;
10	(7)	Injunction incorporating Captain Frazer's Memorandum "Communications with Deaf
11		Inmates" into policy and Title 15;
12	(8)	Injunction requiring the prison to follow the Code of Federal Regulations that were
13		promulgated to enforce the ADA in communication with deaf inmates;
14	(9)	Injunction requiring the prison to insure that deaf inmates are given due process
15		rights in communications with prison officials at all due process hearings; and
16	(10)	Attorney's fees in the amount of \$6,000.00.
17	In sup	port of his requests for relief against defendant Lt. Moerdyk, Plaintiff argues that Lt.
18	Moerdyk knev	w that he acted in violation of Title 15, CDC mandates, and the ADA, because all of
19	the employees	s at the prison are aware that hearing-impaired inmates are present the prison, and every
20	employee is g	iven training sessions on how to communicate with hearing-impaired inmates. ( <u>Id.</u> )
21	at 5-6. Plaint	tiff declares that Lt. Moerdyk intentionally treated him as if he were not important
22	enough to talk	to, and forced Plaintiff to re-live over sixty years of discrimination he has endured
23	based on his o	deafness. Lt. Moerdyk talked over and around Plaintiff, ignoring him and talking to
24	C/O Mata wh	ile Plaintiff sat in front of him. (Id. at 6.) Plaintiff submits evidence of the laws,
25	regulations, a	and rules governing the treatment of disabled inmates. (Exhibits to Fresquez
26	Declaration, I	Doc. 72 at pp 8-73.) Plaintiff also requests a trial to determine the amount of damages
27	he is entitled	to in this action. ( <u>Id.</u> at 7.)
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## **IV. DISCUSSION**

Plaintiff has satisfied the Rule 55 requirements for to entry of default against defendant Moerdyk. On July 8, 2009, the Court directed the United States Marshal to serve process on defendants Moerdyk and Mata. (Doc. 42.) Defendant Moerdyk was served with a summons and copy of the complaint on May 7, 2010. (Doc. 58.) Defendant Moerdyk did not file any response to the complaint, and on September 24, 2010, Plaintiff filed a motion for entry of default against defendant Moerdyk. (Doc. 61.) The Clerk entered default against defendant Moerdyk on September 27, 2010. (Doc. 63.) On October 12, 2010, Plaintiff filed the present motion for a default judgment against defendant Moerdyk. (Doc. 64.) To date, defendant Moerdyk has not responded to the motion or made any other appearance in this action. Based on this evidence, Plaintiff's motion for a default judgment is properly before the Court.

The Court now considers whether Plaintiff states a claim against defendant Moerdyk in the Amended Complaint. In considering Plaintiff's motion for default judgment, the Court takes all of the factual allegations in Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint as true. <u>TeleVideo Sys., Inc.</u>, 826 F.2d at 917. Plaintiff fashioned the Amended Complaint as a complaint for relief under the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and the Rehabilitation Act ("RA").<sup>4</sup> Therefore, the Court considers whether Plaintiff states any claims under the ADA or RA against defendant Moerdyk.

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## ADA and RA Claims - Legal Standard

Title II of the ADA provides that "no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity." 42 U.S.C. § 12132. Because Title II of the ADA was modeled after § 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, "[t]here is no significant difference in analysis of the rights and obligations created by the ADA and ///

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>"As [the Ninth Circuit] held in <u>Bogovich v. Sandoval</u>, when a prisoner's complaint 'asserts only, and details facts related to, potential ADA violations,' the district court errs in characterizing the suit as a § 1983 claim."
 O'Guinn v. Lovelock Correctional, 502 F.3d 1056, 1060 (9th Cir. 2007) (quoting <u>Bogovich v. Sandoval</u>, 189 F.3d 999, 1001 (9th Cir. 1999)). " '[C]ourts should not undertake to infer one cause of action when a complaint clearly states a claim under a different cause of action. The party who brings a suit is master to decide what law he will rely upon.' " <u>Id.</u>

1	the Rehabilitation Act." Zukle v. Regents of the Univ. of Cal., 166 F.3d 1041, 1045, n. 11 (9th Cir.
2	1999); see Coons v. Sec'y of the United States Treas., 383 F.3d 879 (9th Cir. 2004).
3	"In order to state a claim under Title II of the ADA, a plaintiff must allege:
4	(1) he 'is an individual with a disability;' (2) he is otherwise qualified to participate
5 6	in or receive the benefit of some public entity's services, programs, or activities; (3) he was either excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of the public entity's services, programs, or activities, or was otherwise discriminated against by
7	the public entity; and (4) 'such exclusion, denial of benefits, or discrimination was by reason of [his] disability. '"
8	O'Guinn, 502 F.3d at 1060 (quoting McGary v. City of Portland, 386 F.3d 1259, 1265 (9th Cir.2004
9	and <u>Thompson v. Davis</u> , 295 F.3d 890, 895 (9th Cir.2002) (per curiam)). "Similarly, to state a claim
10	under the Rehabilitation Act, a plaintiff must allege (1) he is an individual with a disability; (2) he
11	is otherwise qualified to receive the benefit; (3) he was denied the benefits of the program solely by
12	reason of his disability; and (4) the program receives federal financial assistance." O'Guinn at 1060
13	(citing <u>Duvall v. County of Kitsap</u> , 260 F.3d 1124, 1135 (9th Cir.2001)).
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15	Plaintiff asserts that he is deaf, vision-impaired, and mobility-impaired, and he produces
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(D.Or.1995) (finding that individual liability is precluded under ADA Title II) (citing Miller v. 1 2 Maxwell's Int'l, Inc., 991 F.2d 583 (9th Cir.1993)); see also Vinson v. Thomas, 288 F.3d 1145, 1156 3 (9th Cir. 2002). Plaintiff may name the appropriate entity or state officials in their official capacities, but he may not name individual prison employees in their personal capacities. Shaughnessy, 2010 4 5 WL 2573355 at \*8; Anaya v. Campbell, No. CIV S-07-0029 GEB GGH P, 2009 WL 3763798, at 6 \*5-6 (E.D.Cal. Nov. 9, 2009); Roundtree v. Adams, No. 1:01-CV-06502 OWW LJO, 2005 WL 3284405, at \*8 (E.D.Cal. Dec. 1, 2005). Therefore, Plaintiff fails to state any ADA or RA claims 7 against C/O Mata or Lt. Moerdyk in their individual capacities. 8

#### **Conviction at Disciplinary Hearing**

Plaintiff requests relief with regard to his conviction at the disciplinary hearing. Plaintiff 10 requests a court order reversing his loss of thirty days good time credits and changing his release date 11 back to the date established on October 5, 1994; damages to compensate him for the privileges he 12 13 lost as a result of the conviction; and damages for Lt. Moerdyk's conduct at the hearing. Plaintiff's claims implicating the invalidity of his disciplinary conviction, which resulted in lost good-time 14 credits, were previously dismissed from this action on May 30, 2006, and on appeal the Ninth Circuit 15 affirmed the dismissal of these claims. (Docs. 20, 37.) Plaintiff's only remedy for these claims is 16 17 a petition for writ of habeas corpus, unless he demonstrates that the conviction was reversed. Preiser v. Rodriguez, 411 U.S. 475 (1973); Young v. Kenny, 907 F.2d 874 (9th Cir. 1990), cert. denied 11 18 19 S.Ct. 1090 (1991); Heck v. Humphrey, 512 U.S. 477, 487 (1994); Edwards v. Balisok, 520 U.S. 641, 646 (1997). Therefore, Plaintiff fails to state any claim with regard to his conviction at the dise 20 21 disciplinary hearing.

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# **Conditions of Confinement**

Plaintiff alleges that the guards in Building 3 do not have a policy, practice, or procedure for deaf inmates to get their attention when needed, resulting in threats and punishments against Plaintiff and other deaf inmates for not complying with announcements made over the P.A. system or other verbal instructions. Plaintiff also alleges that as a result of the lack of a policy, practice, or procedure, he and other deaf inmates do not get their mail when other inmates get theirs; they miss appointments with other employees who call the building for them; and they are generally left out. Plaintiff may be able to state a claim under the ADA and RA for these conditions of his
confinement. However, Plaintiff has not named a proper defendant.<sup>5</sup> Title II of the ADA prohibits
discriminatory activities by public entities and defines "public entity" in relevant part as "any State
or local government" or "any department, agency, special purpose district, or other instrumentality
of a State or States or local government." 42 U.S.C. §§ 12132, 12131(1)(A)-(B).<sup>6</sup> Because Plaintiff
may be able to state a claim, he should be granted leave to amend his ADA and RA claims
concerning conditions of confinement.<sup>7</sup>

#### <u>Request for Trial</u>

Plaintiff requests a trial to determine the appropriate amount of damages he is entitled to in this action. A trial, or court hearing, for Plaintiff to present evidence in support of his motion for default judgment shall be denied. Under Local Rules, "[a]ll motions, except motions to dismiss for lack of prosecution, filed in cases wherein one party is incarcerated and proceeding <u>in propria</u> <u>persona</u>, shall be submitted upon the record without oral argument unless otherwise ordered by the Court." Local Rule 230(1). Such motions are not noticed on the motion calendar, and the parties do not appear in open court to resolve such motions. <u>Id</u>. The Court finds no good cause to order oral argument on Plaintiff's motion for default judgment. Therefore, Plaintiff's request for a court hearing at this stage of the proceedings is denied.

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# CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Court finds that Plaintiff's Amended Complaint fails to state any cognizable claim against defendant Lt. Pieter Moerdyk upon which relief may be granted. Therefore, Plaintiff's motion for default judgment against defendant Lt. Moerdyk must be denied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>As discussed above at page 8, Plaintiff cannot state an ADA or RA claim against defendants in their individual capacities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>As discussed above, "[t]here is no significant difference in analysis of the rights and obligations created by the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act." <u>Zukle</u>, 166 F.3d at 1045, n. 11; <u>see Coons</u>, 383 F.3d 879.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>On appeal of the Court's May 30, 2006 decision in this action, the Ninth Circuit held that "Fresquez's [] allegations concerning the conditions of his confinement are independent of his disciplinary conviction and should not have been dismissed under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. <u>See Bogovich</u>, 189 F.3d at 1002 (finding disabled prisoner's ADA and RA claims relating to the conditions, rather than duration or validity, of confinement are not <u>Heck</u>-barred)." (Doc. 37 at 2.)

The Court also finds that Plaintiff may be able to state a claim for violation of the ADA and 1 2 RA with respect to conditions of his confinement. Therefore, the Amended Complaint should be 3 dismissed with leave to file a Second Amended Complaint curing the deficiencies identified above. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a); Lopez v. Smith, 203 F.3d 1122, 1126-30 (9th Cir.2000). 4

Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that:

1. Plaintiff's motion for default judgment against defendant Lt. Moerdyk, filed on 6 October 12, 2010, be DENIED; and

8 2. Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, filed on May 18, 2003, be DISMISSED for failure 9 to state a claim, with leave to file a Second Amended Complaint curing the deficiencies discussed 10 above.

11 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(l). Within thirty days after being served with these findings and recommendations, Plaintiff may file written objections with the Court. Such a document should be captioned "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations." Plaintiff is advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the District Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:

June 13, 2011

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/s/ Gary S. Austin UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE