## 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 BARRY BARTLETT, Case No. 1:14-cv-01932-LJO-DLB PC 12 Plaintiff, ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND DISMISSING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEFENDANTS 13 v. 14 ALLEN, et al., (Document 47) 15 Defendants. 16 Plaintiff Barry Bartlett ("Plaintiff") is a civil detainee proceeding pro se and in forma 17 pauperis in this civil rights action. He filed this action on December 4, 2014. 18 Pursuant to Court order, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint on August 14, 2015. The 19 matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and 20 21 Local Rule 302. 22 On December 3, 2015, the Magistrate Judge issued Findings and Recommendations that the 23 action go forward against Defendant Allenby on a conditions of confinement claim, and that the 24 remaining claims and Defendants be dismissed. The Findings and Recommendations were served 25 on Plaintiff and contained notice that any objections must be filed within thirty days. After receiving 26 an extension of time, Plaintiff filed objections on February 3, 2016. 27 In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), this Court has conducted a de 28

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analysis.

the Court finds the Findings and Recommendations to be supported by the record and by proper

Plaintiff's objection to the Magistrate Judge's analysis of the conditions of confinement claim is not clear. He states that "his motion is submitted as a separate issue in order to validate the First Amended Complaint, and he [does] agree with a part of the Magistrate's determinations." ECF No. 50, at 2.

Plaintiff then goes on to discuss the Ninth Circuit's decisions in <u>Sullivan v. Kramer</u> and <u>Samuels v. Ahlin</u>, though he does not clearly explain why these decisions require a different result. In fact, Plaintiff appears to be arguing under an assumption that the Magistrate Judge did not find any cognizable claims. He argues in favor of a conditions of confinement claim against Defendant Allenby, which is exactly the claim the Magistrate Judge found cognizable.

As to the Equal Protection claim, Plaintiff appears to argue that because African Americans are at higher risk of contracting Valley Fever, an Equal Protection claim exists. He is incorrect. First and foremost, Plaintiff alleged an Equal Protection claim based on his mental illness, and the Court is bound by the allegations in his First Amended Complaint. In any event, Plaintiff fails to allege facts to show that he was discriminated against because of his membership in a protected class, Furnace v. Sullivan, 705 F.3d 1021 (9th Cir. 2013), or that he was treated differently than similarly situated individuals. Village of Willowbrook v. Olech, 528 U.S. 562, 564 (2000).

## Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The Findings and Recommendations, filed December 3, 2015, are adopted in full;
- This action SHALL proceed against Defendant Allenby on a conditions of confinement claim<sup>1</sup>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff will be instructed on service by separate order.

3. Defendants Kramer, Ahlin, Mayberg, Brown, King and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors are DISMISSED. IT IS SO ORDERED. /s/ Lawrence J. O'Neill
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE Dated: **February 4, 2016**