Pending before the Court is the Report and Recommendation<sup>1</sup> of the Magistrate Judge recommending that Defendant Cato be dismissed without prejudice as a result of Plaintiff's motion for voluntary dismissal. (Doc. 219). It appears the Clerk's office treated Plaintiff's motion (Doc. 213) as a notice of voluntary dismissal and dismissed Defendant Cato from this action on December 12, 2017. Nonetheless, the Report and Recommendation (to which no party objected) remains pending before this Court.<sup>2</sup> As a result,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This Court "may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> It is "clear that the district judge must review the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations de novo if objection is made, but not otherwise." United States v. Reyna-Tapia, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003) (en banc) (emphasis in original).

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**IT IS ORDERED** that the Report and Recommendation (part of Doc. 219) is accepted.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2018.

James A. Teilborg Senior United States District Judge